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Britain's independent & vision companies have g to reduce the violent conof their programs because of concernment effects on children. murder of two-year-old: ger, lured away from mother in a shooping at and pattered to death: bricks and stones, bani britons and made head. around the world, Ends at the trial suggested t schoolboy killers may be been influenced by but

World Malay languas congress opens

Delegates from 25 court Monday opened a fire conference to discuss to to make Malay, the name tongue of Malaysia late sia. Singapore and Bos an international lange, Backed by Indonesia's L population of 194 mile Malay is spoken by and mated 250 million per worldwide. But the b guage does not have use script. It is instead with the Roman script. The ference. Malay language an international language vision and confidence t been organised by the eroment-ruo Language Literary Agency, More 130 papers are to he: cussed by delegates include representatives? France, China Russia United States, South At and the Netherlands.

Crowd watches 25 woman jumps to death in river to escape attacker DETROIT (AP) 40 onlookers cheered

man with a crowbar for woman to strip to her the wear and then chard. until she jumped to death from a bridge f said. No one med to store attack early Saurday st Belle Isle Bridge at occurred after the mawoman were involved raffic accident and the said. The body of said. old Deletha Word work several hours lets between River, miles between River, miles between the control of the control stream from the bulk links Detroit 10 mg

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U.S. soldiers arrive in Kuwait

KUWAIT (AP) - Some 500 U.S. soldiers have arrived in Kuwai to prepare for military manoeuvres in the emitate amid U.S. moves to deploy forces and equipment to counter any new Iraqi threat following high-level defections from the Baghdad regime.

The places landed at a sector of Kuwait international amount sealed off for military use. Reporters were not allowed to talk to the soldiers. The Iraq government meanwhile denied claims by fraq planned defectors that it had new plans to invade Iraq's neighbours. Information Minister Hamed Youse! Hammadi said Tuesday that the allegations by defector Hussem Karnet were "part of the distortion campaign against" Iraq. Hassan "in his position, has to fabricate all kinds of lies to defend himself," Mr. Hassan Hammadi said in an interturn with the Associated Press. Hassan Hammadi said in an interview with the Associated Press Gen. Hassan told the AP on Sunday that Iraq was planning to attack Saudi Arabia and Kuwait this month, saying his Aug. 8 defection foiled the plan



Sudan to release all political prisoners

KHARTOUM (AP) - Sudan announced Wednesday that it will release all political prisoners "without exception" in three days. The planned prisoner release was reported by the official Sudan News Agency (SUNA). It stressed that the release will be implemented without exception." Justice Minister Abdul Aziz Shido told SUNA that the government was satisfied with the country's security arrangements, suggesting the government was confident political opponents could cause it no harm. On Tuesday President Lieutenant General Omar Hassan Al Bashir said that parliamentary and presidential elections would take place next year, but did not announce whether he would stand as a candidate. Leader of the Islamic National Front Hassan Al Turabi was the only party leader released, shortly after General Bashir's coup, and he is now believed to be the real power behind the presen government. State television quoted Gen. Bashir as saying that elections for the main partiament in Khartoum are due to take place next year, replacing the present transitional one appointed

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King voices deep disappointment over Iraqi policies

HM, in address to nation, says vision corrected by recent developments Jordan will not close borders for Iraqi people; nor will it bow to pressure Jordan will seek alternative sources for its oil need as a precautionary measure International sanctions will not be lifted until Baghdad fulfills all U.N. demands Hussein Kamel left because he wanted to rescue his country and people Monarch says he has no ambitions in Iraq except to see end to Iraqis' suffering

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein on Wednesday expressed deep disappointment with the Iraqi leadership, saying it had repeatedly deceived him, and said Jordanians should be prepared for any eventuality in relations with Iraq.
However, the King, in a speech broadcast on Jordan

Television, said Jordao would not close its borders for the people of Iraq. Nor would Jordan succumb to any pressure aimed at influencing its policies, said the Kiong in the first speech to the natioo after the dramatic defection on Aug. 8 of the Iraqi minister of industry and head of military industrialisatioo, Hussein Kamel Hassan.

The King, who has granted asylum to Lieujenant-General Hassan, said the former Iraqi minister, a son-inlaw of President Saddam Hussein and once the second strongest man in Iraq, had opened his eyes to the true seek alternative oil supplies

oature of the Iraqi regime. "The last few days and my meerings with brother Hussein Kamel have helped remove the cloud that has been obscuring my vision for a long time," said the King, addiong that he had learnt from Gen. Hassan that Iraq was planning to iovade Knwait in October last year and together with Saudi Arabia this month.

"It would have been a eatastrophe...," the King Despite his decision to

grant asylum to Gen. Hassan and his criticism of the Iraqi regime, the King said he did not expect Iraq to pose a military threat to Jordan. "As for fears that we may

be the target of aggression... I have always stood by the Iraqi army and by the Iraqi people, and I don't believe that this will be my reward," sald the King in the 45-

minute speech.

However, the King said,
Jordan should be prepared

as a precautionary measure. In an obvious reference to suggestions in the Western press that he might want to return Iraq to Hashemite rule, the King strongly declared that he did not have any ambitions io Jordan's eastern neighbour.

Before anyone thinks that I have ambitions io Iraq, let me assure everyone, and may God be my witness, that I have no ambidons other than witnessing the day when Iraq will come out of the blinding darkness and from its long night of suffering to a new dawn which will remove all the cause of its sufferiog, whether external or internal," the King told the na-

The suffering of the Iraqi people, he said, was not simply the result of the inter-national sanctions imposed on Iraq following its August 1990 invasion of Kuwait, but "also from the practices that have deprived traqi citizens of the most basic human

Expressing dismay that life." .

Iraq had consistently deceived him, the King said the Iraqi leadersbip's policy. "from the very beginning of our contemporary relacions, was based on concealing all matters related to their major policy decisions, starting with their war with Iran and

through to their occupation

of Kuwait. Jordan's advice to Iraq during the Gulf crisis 'fell on deaf ears, although this advice was always true and honest and in line with our concern for the interest of our oation, its people, the destiny of its generations, and the welfare of Iraq it-

> The King paid tribute to Gen. Hassan as a man wbo was prevented by his conscience from attacking his people in his country and voluntanly chose to leave, accepting to face all consequences and refusing to enjoy what the majority of the Iraqi people art deprived of, seeking to save his country and protect its unity and right to

translation of the King's

In the name of God, The Merciful, the Compassionate

Peace and prayers upon the Arab Hashemite Prophet, and all his house and companions My dear Fellow Jordanians, Fellow Arabs everywhere, God's peace and blessings be upon you all.

IT IS my pleasure to take this opportunity to address every Arah across the vast Arab World, and every member of our dear Jordanian nation, a oation whose valuable trust and confidence I have always enjoyed and reciprocated with equal trust and affec-

I have always stood headhigh before the entire world proud of belonging to Jordan, and I will continue to do so for as long as I live. I have always been sincere

in my affection towards our citizens and stood side by side with them under all circumst-

This stems from the great responsibility that I shoulder as a result of their trust.

My people have known me as an Arab Muslim, a Hashemite Jordanian and they have always known that I have striven and wished for nothing short of predicting the nature of the path ahead and the complicated citcumstances that we could face in our march towards the future of generations to come, a future that will provide an umbrella of freedom, jusoce, dignity, and peace for our

future generations. This noble mission is second only to my desire to seek God's blessings and to enjoy peace of mind. The future that I envisage

is the future of a people within a nation, and a nation withio a vast homeland, even heyond het geographical boundaries, a nation that God Almighty willed it to be "the best of nations evolved for mankind."

You have always known,



Security Council obliged to KUALALUMPURIAN. lift sanctions if Iraq obeys all resolutions - Ekeus

on its compliance with the

Gulf war ceasefire resolu-

dons until it had verified the

new data Iraq revealed last week during the commis-

sion's four-day mission to

Mr. Ekeus revealed little

information about the talks

he held with Gen. Hassan to

cross-check the information

Baghdad provided on its own

initiative after the defection

of Gen. Hassan, who is for-

mer minister of industries

and President Saddam Hus-

He said his talks with Gen.

Hassan were held in "a posi-

tive spirit" and touched on

issues of "common interest."

however, that Gen. Hassan

revealed no information on

"Iraq's legitimate security

Jordanian opposition and

political figures have warned

against allowing Gen. Hassan

to reveal secrets that could

harm Iraq's national security. Prime Minister Sharif Zeid

Ben Shaker has pledged to

Parliament that Jordan will

not allow the Iraqi defector

reveal where he met Gen.

Hassan, said the former Iraqi

official had told him "tbat

fraq must get rid of its

weapons of mass destruc-

tion... so that (it) can end its

"The Iraqi general is in charge of the situation," said

Mr. Ekeus, who added that

he will not meet with the

traqi defector during bis cur-

rent trip any more but that

Mr. Ekeus, who refused to

to do such a thing.

political isolation."

Mr. Ekeus stressed,

sein's son-in-law.

Baghdad.

By Ayman Al Safadi Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The U.N. Security Council will have no choice but to lift the sanctions on Iraq if Baghdad fulfils its pledge to implement all the Gulf war ceasefire resolutions, the top U.N. official in charge of disarming Iraq said Wednesday.

Rolf Ekeus, head of the U.N. Special Commission for Disarming Iraq, said Bagh-dad had promised to cooperate "100 per cent" with his team in ensuring the destruction of all its mass destruction

With that, Mr. Ekeus told a press conference, "the Security Council, all members without exception, should have no choice" but to lift the crippliog sanctions that the U.N. has clamped on Iraq after its invasion of Kuwait in 1990.

Mr. Ekeus' emphasis on "all members" came in response to a question on whether the United States would veto a Security Council resolution ending the embargo on Iraq in light of its uncompromising policies to-wards the Iraqi regime.

Mr. Ekeus, who spoke to reporters one day after holding extensive talks with the mastermind of Iraq's weapons programme, Lieutenant-General Hussein Kamei Hassan who defected to Jordan Aug. 8, said Iraq had tevealed important and "so valuable" data about its clandestine arms programme. But he stressed the U.N.

had learned not to take Iraqi statements at "face value" because of Iraq's record in concealing information from the United Nadons io the four years that have clapsed since the Special Commission started its work.

We cannot take (the Iraqi statements) at their face value. Every time we have done that before, we were misled," said Mr. Ekeus. Accordingly, Mr. Ekcus

said, his commission will not

further meetings could be held later on. Mr. Ekeus said that his commission had confirmed that Iraq does not have the ability to produce nuclear arms, that it has no chemical weapons of any military sig-

nificance and that is has accounted for all its longrange missiles and thus poses no threat to its neighbours in that regard.

Bot, he said, Iraq had con-

give Iraq a clean hill of health cealed significant information about its biological weapons programme and a new team of experts arrived in Baghdad yesterday to examine the new data Iraq provided last week.

"Iraq has up till now concealed, for several years, ...its large biological warfare programme (consisting) of biological warfare agents, weaponised systems," Ekeus said, adding that Iraq had said it bad destroyed all these weapons.

"But we have to also investigate and verify the destruction... It is a complex and difficult task," Mr. Ekeus told reporters at the Guest Palace during a press conference that was originally scheduled for Tuesday and was delayed with no explanation. Mr. Ekeus would not say

directly if Iraq's new policy of cooperation with the U.N. was prompted by the defection of Gen. Hassan. But he indicated that this was the case by stressing that the change of Iraqi attitude towards cooperation with the U.N. came after Gen. Hassan's defection, with Iraq cancelling an ultimatum it had given to Mr. Ekeus that if his commission was not done with its work by the end of this month, Baghdad will not cooperate with it any

"I'm glad to say that Iraq's highest authority, second highest, during my stay in Baghdad... (said) Iraq will work fully with the U.N. without any time limit," said

Mr. Ekeus said his team will work with maximum speed to end its mission, adding that Iraq's new cooperative spirit will quicken the

'We will make maximum efforts ... to put the Security Council in a position to take the necessary decision on the sanctions," said Mr. Ekeus, who arrived in Amman Monday and is expected to leave

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An Israeli soldier checks the identity card of a Palestinian woman in Arab East Jerusalem

Israel says 2 'masterminds' behind bombings arrested

TEL AVIV (Agencies) -Two Palestinians suspected of masterminding the suicide bombing of buses in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv for the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, have been arrested, Israel announced Wednesday.

Saturday night, before one of their men blew himself up killing four people and the head of Israel's general

The pair were eaught

Issa, from the Balata refugee

cannot be identified.

camp near the West Bank town of Nahlus, and Atem Ismail, from the Gaza Strip. Both were trained in Gaza by Hamas bomb-maker Yahya Ayyash, a former stu-

security service (Shin Beth) told a press conference. whom Israel holds responsi-But they only confessed bie for five of the six bus bombings which have left under "interrogation" after the explosion in Jerusalem, nearly 70 people dead in the last two years. said the Shin Beth chief who Issa and Ismail rented an apartment in Nablus using He named them as Nasser

dent of electrical engineering

fake identity papers and began to prepare the opera-The green light came from

a Hamas member from Gaza (Continued on page 7)

Military exercises draw to a close By P.V. Vivekanand

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

QATRANA — American and Jordanian soldiers advanced through swirling sand and dust towards an imaginary enemy base and tanks and artillery brought up the rear as their joint military exercises drew to a close on Wednesday.

The exercises, named "Operation Infinite Moonlight 1995," are part of regular American-Jordanian military manoeuvres, planned as early as last December, said Brigadier Hamed Saraireh, head of training at the Armed Forces.

·The war games, which began on Friday, were preplanned and predetermined months ago," and have "no relation with the recent defection" of the Iraqi general, said Brig. Saraireh referring to Hussein Kamel Hassan, Iraqis minister of industry and son-in-law of President Saddam Hussein who was granted asylum in Jordan on

Aug. S. But the U.S. administration is obviously using the war games to send another message of strength to Iraq in its bid to isolate the Baghdad government following the defection and as warning against perceived Iraqi threats to Kuwait and Jor-

The U.S., reporting "unusual" Iraqi troop movements, has moved up joint

exercises with Kuwait after reinforcing its military pre-sence in the Gulf region. The first unit of American soldiers for the wat games in

Kuwait landed late Tuesday. Colonel Robert Blose. commander of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit based in Pendleton, California, stressed that it was a "coincidence" that the manoeuvres in Jordan were taking place while tension rose in the region.

"I knew about these exercises in March," said Col. Blose, 41, of Lewistown. Penn, against the backdrop of growling heavy military vehicles that moved into the interior of the desen to offer support services for the joint Jordanian-American assault

"There will be an Operation infinite Moonlight 1996," he added.

The mock warfare, supported by combat helicopters against a "mythical enemy base," reaches its high point on Thursday when American fighter jets based on the USS Theodore Rooseveli anchored in the Eastern Mediterranean - fly over and extend support to help the assault unit "capture" the

"enemy position."

NBC News reported last week that the Tomcat fighter jets based on the Roosevel: were ordered to join the games and fly over Jordan by

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. opens up heavy guns against Serbs

SARAJEVO (Agencies) — The United Nations' new rapid reaction force has blasted Bosnian Serb gunners for the first time with heavy artillery, showing new resolve to defend U.N. peacekeepers around the besieged Bosnian capital of

The French 155-mm guns
— the biggest in the U.N. arsenal - pounded a Serh mortar position after six Egyptian peacekeepers were wounded, two seriously, during a day of fighting between Bosnian government troops

and separatist Serbs on Tues-

It would be 100 per cent right to assume it was hit. This weaponry is state of the art stuff. It doesn't miss and I should think there's fair degree of damage at the other end — and accurate damage," Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Vernon, a U.N. spokesman in Saraejvo, told

reporters on Wednesday. Four 155-mm guns were deployed on Mount Igman, west of Sarajevo, over the weekend. The RRF fired six shells at the Serbs, who have laid siege to the city for three

At least four people died and 32 others were wounded on Tuesday in the worst fighting in the capital in weeks. U.N. officials said government troops fired first but criticised the Serbs for responding with random shell-

The Bosnian Serb army retaliated by indiscriminately shelling Sarajevo in the most cowardly manner, causing civilian casualties," Alexander Ivanko, another U.N. spokesman, said on Wednes-

Bosnian Serb gunners also shelled a Muslim refugee camp near the town of Tuzla, a U.N. "safe area," wounding one woman on Tuesday, U.N. officials said.

"We are expressing our dismay and condemnation of the shelling of the refugee camp in Tuzla," Mans Nyberg of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) told Reuters.

"This was deliberate targeting of an atea where there are thousands of civilians. It is totally unacceptable," he said.

In Geneva, human rights investigator Tadeusz Mazo-wiecki said he had come to the "chilling conclusion" that Bosnian Serbs may have massacred Muslims after the fall of Srebtenica, a former U.N. "safe haven" in eastern Bos-

His report to the United Nations cites evidence of mass executions near Srebrenica where widely-publicised satellite photographs taken by the U.S. government

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dom's declared position since

Israel occupied Arab East

capital will be in the eastern

part and did not say in East

Jerusalem. It means that

there is an endorsement of

the seizure of some parts of

occupied East Jerusalem," he

said. "Does that correspond

with the U.N. resolutions,

and does it fail in line with

the Iordanian responsibility

towards the holy places which

were part of Jordanian terri-

tory until Jerusalem was

Jordan bad not changed its

position. "Are going to argue on 'in' and 'the' ...? Our

stand is not contradictory,

but political action is very

broad. In one part, there are

the aspirations, and in the

other there are the realities

"It is not up to Jordan to

suspend negotiations," he

said. "It was not a Jordanian

decision to postpone negotia-

tions on Jerusalem until the

final phase. We in Jordan will

be on the Palestinians' side

until they secure their rights

and establish their state ---

the capital of which will be

laration on reconciliation in

But he added that the

"leadership crisis" withio

SSIM had made it difficult to

proceed with the meetings of

the joint committée on reuni-

SSIM last week denied

claims by Mr. Nyuon and

another dissident, John Luk

Jok, that they had deposed

the group's leader, Riek

"The SPLA waots to

reiterate once again that our

struggle is directed against

the oppressors of the people of southern Sudan and other

marginalised areas. There is

no reason wbatsoever for

anybody to provoke inter-

ethnic fighting again in south-

ern Sudan," Pagan said in a

Former U.S. President

Jimmy Carter visited Sudan

last month to continue efforts

to end the civil war there and

called in Nairohi for unity

saying: "I think it would be

constructive to have unity

within the southern com-

talks between the rebels,

statement released here.

and capabilities," he said.

Mr. Rawabdeh said that

"It said that the Palestinian

Jerusalem in 1967.

No shift in position on

Jerusalem – Rawabdeh

Abdul Raouf Rawabdeh

not hide its ambitions and

reiterates that Jerusalem is its

'eternal and unified' capital.

there has not been any pro-

test or a threat to halt the

In the government's writ-

peace talks. It is worrying."

ten reply to the question.

Foreign Minister Abdul

Karim Kabariti said that Jor-

dam believes that the Palesti-

nians should have their capit-

al in the eastern part of Jeru-

salem. He added that the

holy places "will not belong

to any party but will be for us

all... all of those who believe

Mr. Mansour said that the

government's response was in itself contradictory and does

lians and cooperate with

neighbouring countries trying

to mediate a peaceful settle-

believed that a full investiga-

tioo of the "massacre" at

Ganytiel would help "reduce

the level of brutality to which

civilians were subjected to

during the 12-year war" be-

tween southern rebels and

The SPLA, headed by

General John Garang, bas

denied that its fighters were

responsible for the violence,

blaming it on cattle rustlers.

took place is under the con-

trol of SPLA's rival group,

the South Sudan Independence Movement (SSIM), led

On Monday, SSIM

charged that the SPLA had

declared war on it and had

ruled cut reconciliation talks.

SPLA's peace committee,

Pagan Amun, said Wednes-

cooperate fully with SSIM"

to resolve political and admi-

However, the chairman of

by Rick Machar.

in southern Sudan, to free the day that his group was "ready

mainly Christian and animist at any moment to discuss and

to respect the rights of civi- nistrative issues that were de-

The area where the killings

government troops.

The U.S. statement said it

U.S.: Sudan rebels killed

200 civilians last month

meet to the conflict.

in the one God."

By Sa'eda Kilani

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Jordan on

Wednesday reaffirmed its

position that Jerusalem

should be the capital of a

Palestinian state and pledged

to continue efforts to make

Deputy Prime Minister and

Minister of Education Abdul

Raouf Rawabdeh said Jor-

dan's position had not

changed concerning Jeru-

salem as an occupied Arab

land since 1967 and that the

Holy City's status as the

capital for the Palestinian

state will he decided by the

to a question raised by Isla-

mic Action Front (IAF) De-

puty Hamzeh Mansour dur-

ing Wednesday's Lower

House of Parliament session

on a statement made by Jor-

dan's former ambassador to

the United Nations. Adnan

Abu Odeh. that Jerusalem

will be divided into three

parts: Arab, Jewish and a

third part that includes the

holy places.
"I found that statement as

a deviation from Jordan's de-

clared position," Mr. Man-sour asserted. "At a time that

the Zionist leadership does

United States oo Wednesday

accused fighters of the Sudan

People's Liberation Army

(SPLA) of killing more than

200 civilians and causing the

displacement of thousands of

others in southern Sudan last

A statement issued by the

U.S. embassy here said inde-

pendent sources indicated

that SPLA forces were in-

volved in the attacks on

Ganyliel and Payinjar vil-

civilians, more than half were

children, and thousands of

people were rendered home-

less after their villages were

burned." the statement

"The United States calls on

the Sudan People's Libera-

tion Movement to investigate

this atrocity and take

appropriate measures against

those responsible," it said.

It urged all forces fighting

region from domination by

the Muslim, Arabised north,

GENEVA (R) — Rumours that Barzan Ibrahim Al Tikri-

ti, Iraq's ambassador to the

United Nations in Geoeva.

might join two top Iraqis who

defected have spawned a

summer soap opera that is

captivating this city of diplo-

Mystery surrounds Barzan.

who as President Saddam

Hussein's balf-brother, pres-

ideotial adviser and former

"Most of the dead were

lages on July 30.

The minister was replying

Palestinians themselves.

this objective achievable.

city and still heading the mis-'The ambassador, the Iraq in Geneva, is still accresaid U.N. spokeswoman Therese Gastaut. "It's like reading a soap

opera plot," said one senior Western diplomat who has followed the saga with in-

hard curreocy reserves abroad, although that has

never been confirmed. The rumour mill began grinding when an Iraqi opposition radio station said last week Mr. Barzan had refused to return to Iraq from Switzerland for consultations

permanent representative of

Mr. Barzan is often referred to as President Saddam's banker, the man who looks after President Saddam's

among Iraq's ruling family on the defection crisis.

Mystery surrounds Saddam relative's stand on defections Western oewspapers followed up with reports that Barzan had clearly aligned himself with Lieutenant-General Hussein Kamel Hassan, one of President Saddam's two sons-in-law who

mand.'

defected to Joran along with their wives on Aug. 8. Iraq's diplomatic mission said on Tuesday, however,

that Mr. Barzan was still its ambassador, still in Geneva. and simply too busy to respond to the reports. "The ambassador is not concerned about these allega-

tions in the media," an Iraqi official said. was caused by the growing influence of President Sad-

Dissidents say a family rift dam's sons Uday and Qusay, who were ont to seize power

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 28 Aqaba 37, Humidity readings: Amman 43 -per cent, Aqaba 25 per cent.

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from the president's balfbrothers and cousins. President Saddam has placed relatives from his hometown of Tikrit in all key positions

over the past 25 years. Mr. Barzan, in his mid-40s, bears a strong resemblance to bis half-brother and has cabinet rank as presidential adviser. His problem, diplomats say, is that be is on the wroog side of the family divide — his brother Watban Ibrahim Al Hassan was re-

ported to have been shot by Uday oo Aug. 7. Next day, the day of the defections to Amman, Mr. Barzan failed to show up at a monthly meeting of Arab

Geneva since February 1989

after rising to be chief of the fraqi intelligence service, political adviser to President Saddam and ambassador at

the Foreign Ministry.
"We don't know whose side he (Barzan) is on since there was an attempt on his brother's life," one Western, diplomat said. Another suggested that the whole story had been fabricated by the Iraqi oppositioo to further destabilise President Sad-

One Arab ambassador said he did not believe in the stories about Mr. Barzan defecting - but thought he may well have refused to return to Baghdad when he was sum-

"According to my sources,

have reliable intelligence information that Mr. Ayyash, nicknamed "the Engineer," is in the PLOruled Gaza Strip, moving around with forged identi-ty papers, said the official who spoke on condition of

ments to prove the coor-

dination," he said.

"There are fanatics on

He did not elaborate or

Following Monday's

deadly hombing, Mr.

Arafat warned he would

"chop off every hand"

that gets money or orders.

On Wednesday, a

Palestinian official said

Mr. Arafat ordered a

manbunt for Yabya

Ayyash, the elusive mas-

termind of most of the

recent suicide bombings

Palestinian authorities

reveal the documents.

both sides."

from Iran.

in Israel.

anonymity.

from the script." the play's author, Mahmoud Al Toukhy, said in an interview with the Associated Press.

"While I was writing it, I was expecting every line to be stopped," Mr. Toukhy said. "After 35 days I started believing there was freedom, and just when my belief became entrenched, they banned the play and took my belief away.

Iran blasts Arafat for bomb charge

terrorism.

nians.

repeatedly condemned

Iran said on Tuesday

the bus blast was a "natu-

ral reaction" to Israeli

violence against Palesti-

Iran, which denounces

PLO's peace with Israel as

a sellout, says it only gives

political support to groups

announced they are sup-

porting such attacks, not

me," Mr. Arafat said Tuesday. "Iran knows

bow much they are paying

to carry out these

Mr. Arafat, speaking

with reporters after meet-ing with German De-

velopment Minister Carl

Dieter Spranger in Gaza

City, also said Palesti-

nians and Israeli extrem-

ists were collaborating to

"We bave several docu-

halt the peace process.

there were no deviations

"Iran is the one that

that oppose it.

attacks."

NICOSIA (Agencies) -

'Iran has rejected an

accusation by Palestine Liberation Organisation

(PLO) leader Yasser Ara-

fat that it supported

bombings when it hacked

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opposed to the PLO-

Tehran Radio on

Wednesday quoted an

Iranian Foreign Ministry

spokesman as rejecting Mr. Arafat's remarks as

"opportunistic and base-

less" and accusing bim of

belping an Israeli prop-

aganda campaign against

Mr. Arafat on Monday

denounced Iran for fund-

ing the Islamic Resistance

Movement Hamas, which

claimed responsibility for

a suicide bus bombing in

Jerusalem that killed five

people and wounded 100

earlier in the day. The radio said Iran had

CAIRO (AP) — In a rare

decision, the government has

banned a popular play critical

of the regime, reigniting a

furor over censorship and

freedom in increasingly con-

servative Egypt,
"Greetings My Masters," a

political satire, had played to

packed audiences for 35 days

and was critically acclaimed

for tackling the sensitive

issues of democracy and free-

dom in Egypt, one of the

freer Arab states but still

The play was forced to

close its doors after Tues-

day's performance. The cen-

sorship board accused it of

"flagrant violation of public

morals... damaging the hon-

our of the state and insulting

senior officials with no

"Freedom and democracy

have limits and when you

exceed these limits you

threaten the security of the

country. They exceeded those limits," said Ahmad

Abul Fetouh, a government

The play tells the story of a

poor Egyptian, who is so fed

up with everything going

wrong in Egypt that he de-

cides to-run against-President-

Hosni Mubarak in presiden-

The play goes beyond other satires by mentioning

Mr. Mubarak and govern-

ment officials by name.

While it speaks well of the

president, it criticises the

other officials and complains

about chronic problems in

Egypt like food shortages and

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Egyptian play banned

for criticising regime

Israel peace process.

Shortly before the play opened Tuesday night, riot police carrying the ban order surrounded the downtown theatre and ordered it shut. But they later relented and agreed to let it run one last night since the threatre was already full,

"This is undemocratic behaviour and I do not believe the presidency is aware of it, said Galal Al Sharkawy, the well-acclaimed director of the play, who has had various run-ins with the censorship board in the past.

He promised to challenge the ban in court.

Under Mubarak's 14-year rule, artists, writers and journalists have enjoyed greater freedom. But official censorhsip remains, and in recent years more and more books and films have been banned for allegedly insulting Islam and offending public morals.

The decision followed a furor earlier this summer when the government handed down a new press law that decreed stiff sentences for publishing false information

Iraq blames Beirut for diplomat's

A Foreign Ministry spokesdiagnosis" led to his death.

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on near Beirut.

said that Khalaf was hospitalised with a heart condition two days before be developed brain bemorrhage and died.

The Iraqi spokesman said Lebanese authorities were "deliberately negligent and offered no medical care for the immate, allowing him to languish in jail with a serious ailment that left him paralysed from the waist down and barely conscious."

The Iraqi spokesman

death in jail

NICOSIA (AP) - Baghdad Wednesday accused the Lebanese authorities of failing to provide swift medical treatment for a jailed Iraqi diplomat who died at a Beirut hospital in late June

man was quoted by the offi-cial Iraqi News Agency (INA) as saying that an autopsy performed after the tepatriation of Khaled Alwan Khalaf's body showed that negligence and inaccurate

The unnamed spokesman said Iraq wanted a joint Iraq-Lebanese investigation into the inmate's Juoe 29 death, which he described as an

Khalaf, 38, was one of four diplomats arrested in Beirut in connection with the assassination of an Iraqi dissident, Sheikh Taleb Ali Al Suheil. in April 1994. The others remain at the Roumieh pris-

Lebanese authorities have

reiterated that the arrest of the four Iraqis was a violation approved the script, and or defaming the government. of Vienna conventions.

he was recalled for consulta-

tions among the family but he

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defection) for so long, there

have been rumours for sever-

al days. But the (Foreign)

Ministry in Baghdad is not

denying it. That keeps the

good connections among Arab

circles said: "We heard he

was in his office yesterday

"The situation is very un-

clear. We should know in a

couple of days," he added. "I

and this morning also -

whatever that means.

Another ambassador with

"He couldn't hide it (his

told Reuters.

rumour alive."

NEWS IN BRIEF

French lawyer for Iran attacked, robbed

NICE (R) - A French lawyer for the Iranian government who escaped an assassination attempt six years ago: was: attacked at his home by hooded robbers who tied him up and stole valuables, police said on Wednesday: The robbers took paintings, credit cards and cash and rifled through William Caruchet's files on Iran, police in the Riviera city of Nice said. Mr. Caruchet, 73, who is also consul for Burkina Faso, told reporters he did not know whether the attack was linked to his work. He said French secret services were involved in the investigation. Six years ago, Mr. Caruchet was attacked by a sniper using a rifle with telescope sights.

Bahrain arrests seven for sabotage

MANAMA (R) - Bahrain said on Wednesday it has arrested seven people for sabotage and attacks on public and private installations in the Gulf Arab state. An Interior Ministry statement did oot say when the acts of sabotage took place and did not indicate if they were part of four months of anti-government protests which died down in April. The statement, quoted by the official Golf News Agency, said the seven "admitted forming a group to carry out acts of sabotage, arson and destruction of public and private property in the areas of Al Diraz and nearby Bahrain said in July it had released between 100 and 150 detainees arrested during the anti-government protests, which had erupted among the Shiite community on Dec. 5. The protesters demanded the release of political prisoners and the restoration of a parliament dissolved in 1975. At least 12 civilians and three policemen were killed and bundreds arrested in the four months of unrest.

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Kuwait to set up court to try ministers

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - The Kuwaiti parliament on Tuesday approved plans to set up a special court to try ministers charged with committing a crime while in office, parliamentary officials said. The new law will put an end to a long running debate in Kuwait on what to do with errantministers. A committee of inquiry will have the right to question the ministers and any accomplices, arrest them and decide whether they should be brought before the new court to be composed of five appeal court judges. A case against former Oil and Finance Minister Ali Khalifa Al Sabah, accused of misappropriating public funds, has been postpooed several times because no one could decide where he should be tried. A Kuwait criminal court in June finally agreed to continue the hearing.

Iran planning strike, Mujahedeen say

DUBAI (AFP) - Iran's main armed oppositioo group, Mujahedeen-e-Khalq accused Tehran Wednesday of massing troops near the border with Iraq in preparation for an attack against the group. The Iraq-based Mujahedeen said in a statement issued from Baghdad that Iran had "amassed three divisions of their forces near the border with Iraq in Kermansbah province with the objective of attacking the National Liberation Army," the group's armed wing. It. also warned the troops were looking to "interveoe in Iraqshould a suitable situation develop." Iran last attacked a Mujahedeen ase in early July, targeting the group's higgest camp at Ashraf 50 kilometres inside Iraq. On July 10 three Mujahedeen members were shot dead in Baghdad in an attack the group blamed on "Iranian agents." The Iranian government daily Iran blamed the Mujahedeen last week for two bomh explosions in oil installations in Ahvaz, the main city of the Khuzestan province which borders Iraq. The Mnjahedeen decied the charges saying Iran intended to use it as a pretext to attack their bases in Iraq. No particular troop movements within Iran have been indicated, according to Iranian sources.

Moroccan airline to begin S. Africa flights

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Morocco's national airlin Royal Air Maroc, said it would begin a weekly service between Casahlanca and the South African commercial capital Johannesburg next week. The airline said in a statement sent to South African travel agents the first flight from Casablanca to Jobannesburg will land on Sept. 1, returning to Casablanca later the same day. Officials at Royal Air Maroc were not available for comment on the new service which will link up with flights to the airline's other destinations in Europe, the Middle East and the United States. The opening of the service follows the suspension earlier this month of Sudan Airway's Londonto-Johannesburg flights and the provisional biquidation of South African discount airline Avia, which offered cutprice tickets to London.

Stevie Wonder sees holy land 'In spirit'

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) - Blind rockstar Stevie Wonder prepared for his first concert in Israel on Wednesday saying be was happy "to see the holy land in spirit." When "I was very small, before my mother had accepted that I was visually impaired, she wanted to bring have the beauty of the land of t me to the Holy City in hope I would get my sight," Mr. Wonder told reporters Tuesday oight. The miracle had not taken place, but Mr. Wonder said God had given him "the gift of inner sight." He was to perform at the Sultan's Pools beneath the walls of Old Jerusalem late Wednesday and in Tel Aviv's national stadium on Saturday. In between be will tour the country meeting Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Yasser Arafat's adviser Ahmad Tibi as well as 50 blind children.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

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SUMMER '95 EXHIBITIONS

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Rajwa Bint Ali. Works by contemporary artists.

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the face of growing popula-tions and higher life expectancy in an age where everyone - even in the developing part of an inequitable globe — dreams of available resources, adding

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nology; weaknesses in institutional infrastructure, unsustainable land use practices and conflicts between different land use goals. Science and technology can contribute to the removal of such barriers but political will and economic clout are equally essential for the At some point, this pro-

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national consensus on the required objectives and modalities at both official and popular levels - within the parameters of sustainable development. Science provides the in-

formation and understanding necessary to evaluate

velopmental consensus at the national level. The aim is to maximise the full participation of both the public and the private sector, grouping players from key institutions involved in land resource management. .

The "Earth Resources" week proposes to offer a sound approach to setting the stage for the four main themes that will be covered - mineral resources, water, energy and environment, offering scientific material and speciatised case studies under each theme, an array of science and technology applications optimising the utilisation of each single resource — or its conservation and interdisciplinary case studies tackling the four themes simultaneously, taking them all into consideration within a given situation as in the case of the Jordanian badia. There will also be a final wrap-up panel discussion benefitting from an overall perspective of the themes. All in all, the presentations will include some 26 scientific papers. 19 specialised case studies, 24 scientific and technological applications and five interdisciplinary case stu-

and information bringing people together to discuss — each from their own perspective — the promotion of science and technology techniques and methodotogies to future land resource planning and management, and executive measures for the implementation and determination of the roles of the different parties concerned. This will set the stage for the interaction necessary to reach consensus, acting as a sounding board of data review, benefitting the Jordanian position prior to the Economic Summit with the identification of the vision and mission of potential focal points for investment as part of an integrated and .coordinated national re-

Deputy cites 'Islamophobia' over sports club licence rejection

By Sa'eda Kilani Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - An Islamist parliamentarian Wednesday accused the government of being 'Islamophobic' for refusing to grant a licence for a sports club in Zargn Governorate.

Minister of Youth Awad Khleifat ignored the comment and said another application should be filed and a licence would be granted if the required conditions were

In questioning the minister. Lower House of Parlia-Deputy Bassam Emousb said that an applicauon for a sports club named "Al Farouq" had been filed two years ago, but the Ministry of Youth had rejected it without giving an explicit

Quoting Article 16 of the Constitution. Deputy Emousb said Jordanians had the right to establish societies and political parties and that "rotary clubs are very active in Jordan although freemason activi-

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He said the young have a

major role to play in the

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The director of the Crown

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Kildani, said that the Subi-

lah programme runs in con-

formity with the needs of

local communities, and the

voluntary services programme is intended to con-

tribute to the nation's efforts to face the challenges of the

The young group, she added, are given a real chance for adventure to dis-

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She said that the pro-

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ties have been banned," He claimed that the rejection had come from the Ministry of Interior "which does not want to see a new bunner

for Islamic action. I don't know when the ministry's Islamophobic artitude will

In his reply during the session of the Lower House of Parliament on Wednesday, Dr. Khleifat said that the rejection to give the club a licence was made in accordance with the law:

According to 1987 regulations on club registrations. the Minister of Youth has the right to decide to accept or reject an application for licensing after consultation with the governor under whose jurisdication the proposed club would be, Dr. Khleifat said.

"There were many accusations (by Dr. Emousb) even though my answer was clear, precise and correct," Dr. Khleifat said. "The ministry has never rejected any club if it was not upon the recommendation of the governor."

"It was a sound decision and in line with the law," he

"They (the applicants) are free to submit another application which, if found in accordance with the law and regulations, may be accept-

Jordanian, Palestinian business council reviews proposals to MENA conference

AMMAN (Petra) - The these projects, to be present-Jordanian-Palestinian Business Council (JPBC) met in Animan Wednesday to review preparations for the October Middle East and North Africa (MENA) conference and to listen to a report on infrastructure projects presented by Jawad Naji, assistant under-secretary of the Palestine Ministry of Economy and Trade.

Dr. Naji told the meeting that the Palestinian side bad prepared a package of infrastructure projects to be carried out by public and private sectors at the local and regional level.

According to Dr. Naji

ed along with Jordanian projects in a joint paper to the October conference, include proposals for establishing Jordanian-Palestinian compunies to conduct re-insurance services, transport of goods, artificial and natural leather tanning, vehicle parts assembly, the extraction of Dead Sea minerals as well as proposals to build up Dead Sea tourism and establish

textile industries. The proposal further includes services in education, industrial and vocational training, in addition to the creation of an industrial zone on Jordanian-Palestinian borders.

Joint work in this regard will be in implementation of resolutions taken by the JPBC meeting held here in June, said Hamdi Tubbu'a, who is head of the Jordanian side of JPBC as well as chairman of the Jordanian Businessmen's Association (JBA) which is sponsoring the meeting.

The agricultural commitsee formed by the JPBC also met in Amman Wednesday to set up a Jordanian-Palestinian company for marketing agricultural products.

The projected company whose capital will be JD 5 million, divided equally between both sides, is required to market the agricultural products of Jordan and Palestine in Arab and foreign countries, a statement said after the meeting.

According to the statement the company will export produce to Europe between Nov. and April and to the Arab states in the summer. It will also import and market agricultural needs such as fertilisers, seeds, and irrigation equipment.

It also said the company aims to achieve agricultural integration between the two countries, and plan production and marketing pro-

Jordan, Egypt committee to review economic, political reports

CAIRO (Petra) - The Higher Jordanian-Egyptian committee co-chaired by the prime ministers of both countries is to convene by mid-September in Amman to review two separate polit-

ical and economic reports. The committee, which last met in Cairo in March, will also review progress on the implementation of that meening's resolutions and direct attention to issues of

concern to the countries. according to a statement Wednesday

The political report tackles regional issues, the peace process and both countries' support of the Arab League's efforts in ending differences among Arab countries, the statement said.

The economic report outlines strategies aimed at encouraging investments, bighlighting the role of the private sector and trade exchanges between Cairo and Amman as well as customs duty exemptions of a list of national goods traded between the two sides, the statement said.

The statement also said trade exchange this year was expected to reach the \$116 million mark.

The committee will discuss the implementation of joint agreements between

1995 and 1997 as agreed ouring the March meeting and will look into means for upgrading cooperation in education, tourism, information, sports, the environment and the employment of labour force, the statement

Jordan will also raise the issue of importing Egyptian natural gas and will review progress on the linkage of

Cultural forum on theatre sees no 'meeting of the minds'

adamant.

By Haya Husseini Jordan Times Staff Reporter

Amman - The Fourth Cultural Forum on Jordanian theatre ends today after five days that exposed a glaring gap in communication between theatre researchers and theatre arts practition-

The forum, organised by the Ministry of Culture, "to bridge gaps in Arab culture and to promote exchange between artists in the Arab world," according to Ministry of Culture Secretary... General, Mohammad. Amaireb, brought together researchers and artists from

Amaireh initially spoke of the need to approach the subject of theatre democratically and freely, to understand the limitations of a field that is beset by budgetary woes and a notable lack of theatregoing traditions.

But differences exposed among participants in the forum centred around subject matter and transformed constructive debate into personal bickering.

Controversial presentations included discussions on the history of Jordanian theatre during which, partic-

ipants claim, factual errors were reported as well as a 'personal attack' levelled against Jordanian theatre arts founder Hani Snobar, provoking angry reactions from those attending.

A working paper criticising the ideological complacence of institutions in dealing with Theatre its Education (TIE) also provoked angry responses.

The latter presentation came from Drama in Education (DIE) teacher and researcher Samar Dudin iwbo criticised what she said was the lack of long-term strategies, for DIE practices and traditions in the country.

Drama in Education is an educational means of bringing students closer to information and knowledge by the dramatic creation of a role in the context of a subject, leading to the student's discovery of bow and wby things happen and their roles in the real world.

Ms. Dudin argued against a complacent acceptance of TIE practices by non-governmental organisations closely affiliated to the ideology of government poli-

"The practice of TIE bere merely scratches the surface of meaning. Experiments are tried, but no follow ups are made," she said. She argued that these pro-

grammes seek more to fulfill their acceptance of the starus quo, to reiterate generally accepted views and less to engage the students in coming to terms with their roles in the world, bow much they are affected by bistorical events and bow much power they could wield if they needed to.

Her paper provoked an angry reaction from those involved in recent TIE programmes in the country. Theatre director Najeh Mahmoud Abu Zein called her comments "diplomatidestructive against the work of her col-

He said that groups have been formed in the wake of workshops organised by Western experts and that they have been active in the field since 1987.

"We have worked bard to create the right theatrical and educational environment for students. We have worked democratically and as a team. We have a systematic plan that we are adhering to," he said. "It is unfair and destructive for someone to dismiss our work as being purely attached to government ide-

ology. Ms. Dudin is doing

no service to the development of theatre in education in the country," he added. But Ms. Dudin was

"The practice of TIE bere is highly didactic when it should be highly aesthetic," she said. Ms. Dudin had made a pre-

presentation comment that she was about to give personal observations on the work of TIE and she expressed surprise at the anger her criticism evoked. TIE is defintely prema-

She said that TIE requires the integration of cultural events with its subjects, that

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is, the students, TIE, she stressed, should form part of the educational system and not be kept as a separate practice for selected

institutions. Hayat Atiyeb, a writer. presented a paper from her current research into mythology and theatre, a step-by-step analysis of the role of mythology in the system of philosophy and culture of civilisations.

But Ms. Atiyeb's research was criticised for being too

academic. "There's no doubt about that," she said, "it's an academic piece of research."

Other participants included Abdel Rahman Arnoos, founder of actor training techniques and physical theatre, who advocates an effective theatre borne out of "awareness," a need to tune into mood forces within and without the body, according to a sypopsis on his teaching methods.

The forum also saw a difference in the way participants viewed the state of theatre in Jordan.

Hatem Sayed, director of the Theatre Arts Academy. said Jordanian theatre was the "best and most mature in the Arab World."

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a high level of participation, what problems could we have?" be asked. Margo Malatjian, executive director and founder of

the Friends of Children's Club, who presented a paper on children's theatre, criticised the state of theatre practice in the country as being unable to bridge the gap between the real world and theatre.

"There are two kinds of participants, she noted, those who, on the one hand, want to see a commitment between what happens in the social, political and economic scene and what bappens on stage, and, on the other, those who simply want to produce, present and

become famous directors." "Let them do charity work instead of theatre," said one participant referring to Ms. Malatjian's views.

Both Ms. Malatjian and Ms. Dudin see theatre as being an integral part of historical and current events. Both advocate a theatre borne out of bistorical and

They all want to run before they can walk. All chiefs, no Indians. Ms. Malatjian said of participants who dismissed the forum as being too academ-

A paper discussing the lack of available scripts written by Arabs and the reliance on scripts dealing with other cultures also received criticism.

"What does it matter if the play presented is not written in the Arab world? asked one participant. "What matters is that it's theatre. We don't all have to have the same taste."

Developmental choices: A risky business without exchange and cooperation

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employment and other nario. All of these are However, if the developmental choices made to meet them are not thoroughly balanced, they dangerously icopardise soaring pollntion levels and irretrievable loss. To meet as many of the multiple economic, social and environmental needs of society as possible, integrated land resources management and conflict of interest resolution must become an essential part of the developmental process.. Otherwise, permanent des-truction and degradation of the land's capability to provide economic and environmental returns and the inefficient use and waste of resources with result. The inevitable accumulating impacts that go beyond localto develop into cumulative international problems are becoming increasingly weighed with the pressured increase in the world's population and corresponding needs.

National developmental policy should balance the titled equation of rapidly increasing population requirements and land resource constraints. To achieve this, certain strategies are required to overcome barriers to conflict of interest resolution and integrated land resource management, enhancing cooperation and coordination among the parties concerned. This requires internal decisions on

resource allocation - on the issues of exploitation vs. conservation, and the eco-nomic realities of their implicit responsibility to the future, - that will have an increasing bearing on regional and even internafional levels, impacting the future of society. The major barriers can be identified as limited access to appropri-ate information and tech-

limitations mandate a commitment to the pooling of with common interests. goals and methods through a neutral administrative structure. Prior to this necessary eventuality, each

the consequences of alternative approaches to land and resource management; and the relevant technologies for the most effective means to ensure social requirements: Fulfilling basic needs. Jordan's drive towards the developmental returns of science and technology has led to the instinutionalisation of its interests and the creation of many forums for the exchange of science and technology expertise and decision-making at the national level, with regional and international channels of cooperation. One sueb forum is the Science Week, which at the initiation of Prince Hassan has hosted the multi-sectorial interaction of all directly, or indirectly, involved in, science and technology activity, now for its third consecu-

tive year. The Third Jordanian Science Week will run from

wards Optimal Exptoitanon" at the directive of Prince Hassan, in a bid to crystallise national land resource management policy in the face of future developmentat eballenges. This activity will allow a logical sequence of interactions allowing stakeholders to express and identify socio-economic and environemental needs and develop consensus on landuse options; identifying spatial planning units (i.e. national park policy); and

possibly identifying infrastructural needs at the institutional, legislative and cadastral levels to further ensure agreed-upon land uses and long term manage-The "Earth Resources" week aims at providing added incentives for integration between all institutions dealing with land resources in the Kingdom, towards a mutual visualisation of sustainable and comprebensive development,

and the introduction of sophisticated scientific and teebnological methodologies and techniques such as multiple goal programming as a form of conflict resolution for developmental dilemmas, with an objective approach to bringing peo-

ple to work together by reaching an integrated de-Aug. 26-31 under the theme of "Earth Resources — To-

> dies. There will also be athematic exhibition of the

four themes, parallel to the ongoing sessions. This will include the data base "Jordan: Facts and Figures" displaying socio-economic indicators spanning the tasi four decades, prepared for use during the Middle East, and North Africa Economic Summit, to be beld in Amman in October.

Through these activities,

it is hoped to achieve a tour de force of base-line data source management policy, fit to confront the liability of choices impacting the future of generations to

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100,000 Rwanda, Burundi refugees flee camps

-: OUTSIDE MUGUNGA CAMP. Zaire (R) - Zairean soldiers expelled more alRwandan and Burundian ofrefugees on Wednesday while over 100,000 have ified to escape a forced return to a nomeland where they

The fourth day of deporta-tions was matched hy stepped up talks in Zaire and - tebroad to end the humanitarrian crisis likely to become smore acute if thousands of refugees run out of food or gfall sick.

ln Mugunga Camp, hundreds of Rwandan refugees scattered in panic as the first Zairean troops arrived as usual at 10 a.m. (0800 'GMT) and started grabbing

Hutu refugees who refuse to go home for fear of reprisals for last year's genocide in Rwanda fled to nearby hills but scores of others, resigned to their fale, lined up to be put aboard trucks and huses before being dumped at the border.

"For Tutsis in Rwanda all young people here are refugee Wiman Donet said before running ^faway as a Zairean army

will kill us if we go back."
Mugunga, until Saturday home for 150,000 refugees who fled to Zaire last year, includes Hutu refugees suspected of involvement in last year's genocide of up to a million Tutsis and moderate Hutus by Hutu militiamen

and troops. The Zairean deportations have prompted an estimated 25,000 Hutu refugees to flee Mngunga and 85,000 to leave five camps around the town of Uvira to the south.

UNHCR officials said the last camp to empty near Uvira was Kajembo. Its 24,000 refugees escaped to a forest when army trucks arrived Tuesday.

U.N. officials said the rate of deportations from Uvira dropping because refugees were proving hard to find.

A Zairean army delegation was due in the Zairean border town of Goma Wednesday and it appeared talks might focus on the U.N. refugee agency offering to take over repatriation if refugees requested it.

Carrol Faubert, special envoy of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), said the UNHCR

was receiving signals from refugees that they would go home if their return was vol-

"I hope things are movmg," he told reporters. Talks are under way in the Zairean capital Kinshasa, in Goma, in refugee camps near the town of Bukavu to the south and in the U.N. Security

"Everybody is consulting with everybody," he said.

A Zairean colonel in charge of clearing Mugunga said his soldiers were making no distinction between former Hutu Rwandan government troops and civilians in the camp when they selected those to be dumped at the Rwandan border.

"All we know is that for us these people are Rwandans," he told Reuters.

Some former Rwandan soldiers were in a first batch of 200 people expelled Saturday, but few have been seen since.

Zairean troops, accused of beating and robbing refugees, expelled a total of 13,000 Rwandans and Burundians by the end of Tuesday. U.N. officials said they had unconfirmed reports of soldiers raping photo)

U.N. officials said they expected some refugee leaders to ask the UNHCR to escort them home rather than be left to the Zairean troops, possibly leading to a voluntary repatriation pro-

Zaire says it is determined to expel the refugees until United Nations announces their repatriation.

But at the present rate of expulsions it would take the Zairean army more than seven months to throw out the more than one million Rwandan refugees and 70,000 Burundians in eastem Zaire.

The president of the U.N. Security Council told Zaire on Tuesday to stop the expulsions, which are also condemned by the United

A little Rwandan boy and his baby brother atop a bicycle look suspiciously at Rawandan soldiers guarding the border between Zaire and Rwanda after having been expelled by Zairean soldiers (Renters



Taiwan president

TAIPEI (R) - President Lee Teng-Hui announced Wednesday his intention to run for a second term in Taiwan's first direct presidential elections, drawing swift condemnation from stal-

"After long and careful consideration I have decided to run," Mr. Lee told a congress of the ruling Nationalist Party. The

But despite earlier entreaties from Mr. Lee and several con-

In a related development, a main rival withdrew his candida

to run for 2nd term

warts even within his ruling party.

elections are due in March 1996.

gress delegates for unity. Nationalist Party vice-chairman Had Pei-Tsun voiced his immediate opposition to Mr. Lee's bid raising the spectre of a split in party ranks.

"The people in power should not hold power for too long," Mr. Hau told journalists.

"His term is up," said Mr. Hau, who added that it would be a "pronder contribution" if Mr. Lee were to hand over power. Mr. Hau, a former prime minister who came to Taiwan from China with Chiang Kai-Shek's defeated armies in 1949, has native-born president who took office in 1988.

cy for the Nationalist Party's nomination, meaning that Mr. Lee was now running unopposed for the party's endorsement.

India's Premier jeered at train crash site signal without checking A leftist students' group lay rotting, tangled in the

-NEW DELHI (R) — Angry -protesters jeered Prime Minester P.V. Narasimha Rao on Wadnesday when he visited the grim site of India's worst gain crash, officials said

The orotesters accused the government of inept relief operations and of suppressing the death toll from Sun-Liv's crash, in which at least -\$50 reople died when a - see lag express ploughed ituo a stationary train at Ferbachag. 200 kilometres from New Delhi, they told

Reuters by telephone. An irate crowd blocked the entrance to the Sarojini Naidu hospital and Mr. Rao was forced to enter through a back door to visit about 60 injured survivors, some in critical condition.

The Press Trust of India (PII) said police used clubs

to disperse protestors who shouted slogans against the government and claimed the administration had withheld information about the number of dead.

Since Sunday's disaster. the administration's official death toll has consistently been well below the rescuers' estimate of at least 350 dead.

Late on Tnesday the official toll was 278 dead, hut Ferozabad civil hospital's chief medical superintendent told PTI 299 post-mortem examinations had been performed so far.

About 175 hodies had been identified and were hurnt in tows of funeral pyres in the open on Tuesday, watched by officials and thousands of residents. Some crushed bodies still

debris left by the high-speed collision, which occurred when an express slammed into a stationary train.

In the Indian capital, the lower house of parliament was forced to adjourn for two hours when deputies of the opposition Janata Dal Party protested that their leader had been harred from making a statement on the train disaster.

Both the opposition and a hreakaway faction of the ruling congress party have demanded that Mr. Rao, who took over the railways ministry last week from an ailing minister, resign.

Congress rebels said relief measures were inadequate and even sheets were not available to cover mutilated

hurnt an effigy of Mr. Rao in the eastern city of Calcutta Tuesday in protest against alleged government inaction towards rail accidents and

Mr. Rao, who has hlamed the collision on human error, has ordered a probe into the accident. He announced grants of 10,000 rupees (\$320) to families of the dead and 5,000 rupees (\$160) to the seriously

Mulayam Singh Yadav, the former chief minister of Uttar Pradesh state, said his Samajwadi Party was offer-500,000 (\$16,000) relief to victims' families.

Senior railway officials said a signalman had given the second express the green

train accident was in 1981 when 270 people were killed after a train plunged into the Bagmati River in the northern state of Bibar, It was the third major train

whether the first had left his

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Officials also said the

guard aboard the first train

had failed to switch on a

flashing light as a warning

that his train, forced to halt

after hitting a cow, was sta-

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accident in India this year. There have been at least 30 serious crashes in the past



A picture released by the Indian government Wednesday of Western hostages in Srina-tgar. From Left to right: Keith Mangan (UK), Donald Hutchings (US), Dirk Hasert (Germany) and Paul Wells(UK) (Reuters photo)

Rebel group releases pictures, tape of Kashmir hostages

SRINAGAR (AP) — The indian government Wednesday released recent photographs of four Western nostages being held by Kashmiri separatists and an audio cassette tape with the captives saying they are alive and well.

The captives all look fit in ine photographs, even inough the Al Faran sepaactist group had released earlier pholos showing two of them weating bloody pendages and a statement saying they had been wounded in a battle with indian forces.

The captives — an American, two Britons and a German — said their phoicgraphs and interviews were taken Friday, five days after the decapitated body of a fifth hostage, Hans Christ-an Ostro, 27, of Oslo, Norway, was found in a village

of Kashmir, "My name is Donald Hutchings. This interview is taking place on Ang. 18, 1995. I am fit well and have no problems. Jane, 1 love you," the American hostage said on the tape, which was released at a news conference by Indians officials.

Jane is Mr. Hntchings wife, who like other relatives of the captives, has been waiting in New Delhi for their release. The other three hostages

gave similar statements on the cassette and said they too were speaking Aug. 18. The kidnappers released a

group photo of the four hostages reading an Urdn newspaper, and four individual photos showing them holding sheets of paper showing the date Aug. 1g. Last week, government officials who have been

negotiating with the captives over the telephone or twoway radios nearly every day since the kidnappings began July 4, asked Al Faran to provide proof that the hostages are alive and in good bealth.

The Al Faran guerrillas have threatened to kill the captives unless India frees 15 of their jailed comrades, a demand India has repeatedly refused to accept.

Besides Mr. Hutchings, 42, of Spokane, Washington, the captives include Keith Mangan, 33, of Middlesbrough, England; Paul Wells, 23, of London; and Dirk Hasert, 26, of Erfurt, Germany.

Another American, John Childs, escaped from Al Faran guerrillas four days after being captured.

Majority opposes Clinton's efforts to restrict tobacco ads

NEW YORK (AFP) - A majority of Americans oppose a significant part of President Bill Clinton's aggressive campaign against tobacco use by teenagers, a new poll conducted hy a major news agency revealed

Tuesday. Fifty-eight per cent of those polled were against the proposed ban on using brand names and logos on T-shirts or in sporting events, such as the Virginia Slims tennis tournament, or the Winston Cup auto racing contest.

And relatively few, just 40 per cent, of those surveyed supported a chief idea behind the regulations -- that tohacco companies actively use promotion and publicity campaigns in efforts to get young people to begin smoking.

"The president and the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) commissioner both said very clearly and loudly that they believe this advertising is targeted at kids. Well, apparently, the public is not ready to huy that assertion," said Walker Merryman, spokesman for the Tohacco Institute, a pro-tobacco indus-

However, 73 per cent support Mr. Clinton's plan to force the tohacco industry to spend \$150 million dollars per year on an advertising campaign to discourage smoking hy teens.

China releases white paper on family planning 19g0s — limits urban coution to poverty.

BEIJING (Agencies) — China Wednesday released a white paper on family planning, saying "unacceptable" human rights criticism of its strict policy ignored the challenges posed by a population of 1.2 billion people.

17,000-character paper entitled "Family Planning in China" was released by the state council, and carried in excerpts hy Xinhna news agency, just ahead of the opening here of the Fourth World Conference on Women.

China's controversial "one-child" policy is expected to be the target of attacks by some of the 36,000 women expected in the Chinese capital for the conference's non-governmental organisation (NGO) forum, which begins Aug. 30.

Arguing that the policy was the only way to stop growth of China's massive population from bringing social, economic and environmental disaster, the white paper accused "some people" of . "distorting and dis-

regarding the basic facts." "These people have made improper comments on China's family planning programme, criticising it as a violation of human rights and denouncing it as inhumane," it said, accusing them of using the pretext of preventing abuse to impose foreign values and interfere in this country's internal

"This is totally unacceptable," Xinhua quoted the white paper as saying, the policy — implemented nationwide since the early sentence the whole popula-

ples to just one child, while allowing many rural couples two children — or even three if they belong to certain ethnic minority groups - at intervals of several

Failure to comply carries fines and other heavy penalties, including social ostracism and the possible dismissal from all-important work units that provide housing and welfare for many urban citizens.

The policy has been criticised internationally amid numerous reports of intense pressure being put on women carrying "out-ofplan" children, of involuntary sterilisations and of forced abortions - often during the final stages of pregnancy.

The white paper acknowledged only that "the working style and service level of family planning remain to be improved in most rural areas, especially in those economically underdeveloped ones."

Reiterating China's stance that human rights was not an inflexible universal principle but was closely related to national conditions, it stressed that limiting the number of births was "a duty incumbent of every (Chinese) citizen" for the good of the whole nation.

"To carry out family planning is the correct choice for China to ensure homan rights," it said, adding that allowing "indiscriminate reproduction" would halt economic development and

China says it has right to refuse visas for women's conference

in another development Tuesday, a government spokesman said China can refuse visas for an upcoming international women's meetings to anyone it views as opposed to U.N. principles or as a security risk.

The comments by foreign ministry spokesman Chen Jian come with women's groups complaining that thousands of people have not gotten visas for the meetings in Beijing.

Only a "very, very small number" of visa applicants will be denied, Mr. Chen told reporters at a briefing. The U.N.-sponsored world

conference on women will be held Sept. 4-15 in Beijing. A parallel meeting of non-governmental organisations that will lobby the conference will be held in Huairou, 50 kilometres to the north, from Aug. 30-Sept. g.

Critics have said China may be trying to delay the visa process to limit the number of participants and control the meetings. Some groups that want to attend support gay rights. Tibetan independence from China and other issues that normally would not be allowed free debate in China.

"So long as the applicants have gone through all the necessary formalities, the visas will be issued expeditiously," Mr. Chen said.

The Times for free for first time in 200-year history

LONDON (AFP) Britain's oldest daily national newspaper, the Times, is to be distributed free Thursday for the first time in its 200-year history, in a promotional move by U.S. computing giant Microsoft. One and a half million copies of the Times will be distributed across the country free by Microsoft, as part of its worldwide promotional campaign for the lannch of Windows 95. This exercise will cost it at least (\$580,000), £375,000 according to the Guardian newspaper. The Times, which began its life Jan. 1, 1785, as the Daily Universal Register, changing its name to the Times in 1788, sells 650,000 newspapers a day, in second place in the quality newspaper market behind the Daily Telegraph, which sells over a million. "Effectively, Microsoft is buying up all Thursday's copies of the Times as they leave the printing plant and distributing them", said the Times's Editor Peter Stothard.

Catnapper gets three months

LONDON (AFP) — An estate agent who snatched a colleague's cat and held it for £10,000 (\$15,000) ransom because. He felt he had been short-changed on a commission was sentenced to three months in jail Wednesday. Nigel Bass, 33, admitted in Old Bailey having catnapped William, a Persian blue, from Ilona Szekere's south London flat as a "foolish prank" last January after she allegedly failed to pay him his share of a property sale commis-sion. "Blackmail in its very essence strikes at the vulnerability of the -victim," judge Ann Curnow told Mr. Bass. Ms. Szekere, she told him, regarded her cats as "children" and had suffered "profound anxiety," because of his actions. "You were playing throughout on her emotions," she said. "She was a friend and colleague and you knew of her love and devotion for her cats, especially William."

British marrying later and enjoying it less

LONDON (AFP) — The

British are marrying later and less and divorcing more, according to government figures just out. The statistics from the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys show both men and women are waiting an average of three years longer to marry for the first time than they were a decade earlier. Figures for 1993, the latest officially compiled, confirmed earlier assessments that the number of marriages in Britain fell that year to a 50-year low of 299,000, four per cent down from the previous year. That same year there were 165,000 divorces, the highest number ever recorded in Britain. The average firstmarriage age was 28.2 years for men, 26.2 for women, compared with 25.7 and 23.4 respectively a decade earlier. On the average, men divorced at age 37 and women at 35 in 1993, both about a year older than in 1983, the figures showed. The average length of mar-riages ending in divorce was 9.g years in 1993, 10.1 in

Singapore bids for new Guinness aerobics record

SINGAPORE (AFP) -More than 30,000 Sings-poreans led by Prime Minis ter Goh Chok Tong will attempt to break the tiny republic's own world record. for a mass aerobics display. it was reported here Wednesday. The great Sin. gapore workout on Snnday is intended to surpass the 26,017-strong attendance at an October 1993 gathering also led by Mr. Goh, which made it to the 1995 Guin-ness Book of World Records. The government vigorously promotes physical fitness to fight obesity in food-crazy Singapore.



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on night of murders Reichards from testifying about what the defence originally wanted him to say: that Ms. Resnick had a terrible drug problem and stayed for a time with Mr. Simpson before the murders. The defence has suggested drug hitmen committed the killings, possibly to send a message to Ms. Resnick for failing to pay her

drug bills. Judge Lance hij also warned lawyers for both sides that he is fed up with some courtroom antics and again threatened to remove a video camera that allows the trial to be viewed on television in the United States and abroad.

"Attorneys from both sides have referred to what other people around this country may think," about various aspects of the trial, Mr. Ito said. "That causes me to believe that the lawyers are pandering to the cameras, and that causes me to believe that probably I ought to pull the plug on the cameras. I'm con-

templating doing that." Also Teesday, Mr. Ito said he will rule next week on whether tapes of a screenwriter's interviews with a police detective - a key prosecution witness - are admissible as evidence.

Six killed in Karachi as strike paralyses town start of a two-day strike called by Karachi's main oppositioo group crippled Pakistan's largest city Wednesday and led to a new surge in violence with at least six people killed, officials said. Markets, shops, businesses and banks pulled down their shutters again, and on top of the deaths several people were wounded and 15 vehicles were set alight across

ridden body was also found. On Tuesday four bullet-ridden bodies were found and snipers killed seven other people. The Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MOM) called

the city, emergency services

Police said five of the lat-

est six victims were shot by

snipers. A soldier's bullei-

accompanied by increased bloodshed. The MOM said the protest was against alleged killings and mass arrests of its sup-

militants blew up a tele-

The violence came as the

military concluded a limited

offensive eodenamed "Drag-

on Fire" elsewhere in the

Jaffna peninsula, leaving

one soldier and three rebels

Troops also destroyed an

abandoned LTTE ordnance

factory during the swoop on

LTTE territory. The military

advanced into rebel-held

areas but did not give

The LTTE is fighting for a

separate state for Sri Lanka's

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porters by security forces in recent weeks.

Most of the city was deserted with schools and colleges also closed. Few private cars were on the

Karachi Stock Exchange (KSE) was suspended because so few brokers turned up, a senior KSE member said.

Leading brokers said anonymous "threats" had been received at the exchange, warning against any commercial activity. Repons said factories were also hit by a low turnout. The worst-troubled areas

were two MQM strongholds Liaquatabad and Pir Illahi Bakhsh colony where gun-totting youths torched vehicles, firefighters said. According to residents 20 vebicles were burnt.

The boys lit fires on the streets and used car-andmouse factics against police, witnesses said.

Despite the heavy deployement of paramilitary rangers and police in

was heavy firing in many parts of the city, witnesses

"It is deafening, there are bursts of kalashnikov which have been going on for bours," one resident reported by telephone.

Gunbartles between security forces and militants were also reported.

The MQM, which represents Urdu-speaking Mohajir immigrants from India since the 1947 partition of the sub-confinent, is locked in confrontation with the government of Prime Minister Benazir Bbuno.

The authorities say around 500 militants, mostly belonging to the MQM, have been arrested and more than 80 alleged terrorists killed in recent months. The MQM says thousands of

supporters bave been jailed. Ms, Bhuno's government blames the MQM for much of the bloodsbed in Karachi where more than 1,300 have been killed this year.

She in turn is accused by

the group of causing the violence by pursuing an anti-Mohajir policy and ordering a crackdown on MOM fol-

The government invited: the MQM to resume peace. talks in Karachi Aug. 29 Tuesday. Previous negotiations were halted late last. month. But the MQM's strike call was made Tues-

In Islamabad, opposition leader Nawaz Sharif, a former prime minister, slammed what he called a "vindicove anti-people and anti-national regime." He accused Ms. Bbuno of "pushing the MQM to the wall" and alienaring the pcople of Karachi.

Pakistani buman rigbts activist, Ansar Burney, who lives in exile in London, said in a statement released by his organisation here that the government was conducting a "ruthless campaign" in the

Experts return from survey of N. Korean nuclear plant sites

A cyclist passes a burning car in the violnce-plagued city of Karachi Wednesday. At least eight vehicles have been set

ablaze and six people killed on the firt day of a two-day strike called by the ethnic Mohajir National Muvement

World News

SEOUL (Agencies) --- An international team of experts returned to Seoul Wednesday after a week in North Korea inspecting possible nuclear power plant sites, a delegate said.

The team had productive talks with our North Korean counterparts nn technical matters," Director General Kang Yonn-Kwan of the office of planning for Light-Water Reactor (LWR) project said at a press briefing He said the 15-membe team had seen a se favoured by the north 20

Pyongyang and close to be east coast port of Sbinge The team were also even survey documents of the site carried out by the frmer Soviet Union some years

kilometres northeast of

ago, he said.
"We made a fir:-hand inspection of the sugested site. It was a hilly asa, five to six kilometres orth of Shinpo and some tree kilometres inland from the coast," he said.

The team said ney were taken to a river even kilo-"metres from the ite, which 'could be a soure of the cooling water the plant

"It's difficult to assess whether the suggested site is suitable or ne," he said, adding that a inspection report will be issed within a

LOS ANCELES (AP) -

O.J. Simpon seemed upset

and depresed at times over

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appeared relaxed and happy

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Chrisian Reichardt said

Mr. Simpson and his ex-wife

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friend Fays Resnick, testified

that Mr. Simpson called him

the night of June 12, 1994.

Prosecutors say Mr. Simp-

son's ex-wife and her mend

Mr. Reichardt told

star testfied Tuesday.

Te team was commissirred by a consortium set ur to give the North LWRs for the Korea Peninsula Development organisation (kedo). It was ied by U.S. State Department technical advisor, Sol Rosen, and others from the United States, Japan and

South Kotea. Providing two 1,000 niegawatt reactors for the North is a pivotal part of the U.S.-Nonb Korea agreement struck in Geneva last under Pyongyang agreed to freeze suspected nuclear weapons programme.

Kim Young-Sam accepts policial rival's comeback

In another development, South Korean President Kim Young-San: on Wednesday met with his archrival, Kim Dae-Jung, which observers said meant he had shed earlier reservations and accepted the political comehack of the country's top opposition politician.

It was the first time in three years that the twn political rivals, both former dissidents, had met.

Their last meeting was made during the presidential campaign in August 1992. which Kim Dae-Jung lost to Kim Young-Sam.

Witness says Simpson

seemed jovial and upbeat

The invitation to the presidential blue house for a lunch with some 20 other politicians and senior citizens was readily accepted by Kim Dac-Jung, who seeks to raise his profile after forming his own political party, the New Congress,

Local television showed a smiling Kim Young-San shaking hands with a half-smiling Kim Dae-Jung in the reception line.

Both the Blue House and Kim Dae-Jung dismissed the significance of the gettogether, but it was bannerheadlined by local news media, which saw it as Kim Young-Sam's acceptance of Kim Dae-Jung as his opposition counterpart.

Kim Young-Sam's efforts to prevent Kim Due-Jung from making a political comeback collapsed under a strong showing by the opposition in local elections last June.

Kim Dae-Jung had retired from politics after losing to Kim Young-Sum in the 1992 election.

The June local polls dimmed the prospects of the ruling camp in national assembly elections in April of next year and in the 1997 presidential election, in which Kim Dae-Jung is expected to make his fourth try for the presidency.

American

Colombia

11-month

BOGOTA (AFPt -- An

American held hostage by

leftist rebels was freed near

Calt, Colombia and is in

good health after 11 months' captivity, police

Thomas Hargrove, 50,

turned up at a police station south of Cidi Tuesday night,

ending an ordeal that began

Sept. 23, 1994 when he was

kidnapped by the Revolu-

tionary Armed Forces of

The Texan was undergo-

ing a medical examination

Mr. Hargrove was head of

public relations for the

International Centre for

Tropical Agriculture, an

international institute that

does agricultural research

benefitting less-developed

After the kidnapping, the

centre vowed to continue its

activities in the country and

asked the government for

protection of its remaining

179 foreign workers.

said Wednesday.

Colombia (FARC).

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to begin peace talks BANGKOK (Agencies) -Leaders of Burma's Karen National Union (KNU), one of the world's oldest rebel

groups, will hold preliminary ceasefire talks with the ruling military government next weck, guerrilla sources said on Wednesday.

COLOMBO (Agencies)

- Tamil tiger guerrillas

killed two soldiers and a

civilian and lost at least one

of their own men in separate

incidents in northeast Sri

Lanka, military officials said

Liberation Tigers of Tamil

Eclam (LITTE) guerrillas

attacked an army patrol in

l'andittirippu in the rebel-

controlled northern Jaffna

peninsula on Tuesday. A

military spukesman said two soldiers were killed and

Security forces killed or wounded six LTTE mili-

On the same day LTTE

rebels killed a civilian and

wounded another in eastern

Batticaloa district while in

neigbouring Akkaraipattu,

tants, the spokesman said.

Wednesday.

titree wounded.

KNU leader General Bo Mya would lead a five-man delegation to Pa-an, the capital of southeastern Burma's Karen state, to meet representatives of the ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC), a senior Katen source told Reuters. A Thai security official

confirmed the meeting. "The tentative date of the meeting has been set for Aug. 28-29. The chief of Paan military intelligence will lead the SLORC delegation," the Thai National Security Council official

The Thai official said it was not clear if the KNU delegation would be led by Bo Mya or another senior guerrilla commander, General Maung Maung.

A ceaseftre was expected to be agreed by October, the Thai official said.

The KNU has been fighting Rangoon for greater autonomy since 1949, one year after Burma gained independence from Britain. The opening of peace talks with the SLORC comes after the guerrillas suffered a serious set-back earlier this year when Rangoon forces captured a large part of their zone of control in southeastern Burma, including their headaquarters at Maner-

The KNU is one of the last guerrilla armies still at war with the SLORC.

Since 1989, the SLORC

has agreed ceaselires with more than a dozen other ethnic ntinority guerrilla forces. The KNU had always insisted that any talks with the SLORC include discus-

ston of their political

demands for greater autonomy within a federal system. The SLORC has always ruled out any discussion of

political issues, saying ceasefires must come first. Guerrilla sources say some of the groups which have signed ceasefires have become frustrated with their

military authorities. A March ceasefire between the SLORC and the small Karenni guerrilla force from eastern Burma collapsed in June.

subsequent treatment by

Burma's warlord ready to retire

Opium warlord Khun Sa has said that he would be ready to step down as the bead of his Mong Tai Army (MTA) and hand areas under his control over to international organisations, a report said Wednesday:

"I hereby declare our willingness to drop our weapons and hand over the areas we now control to one of the internacional organisations, either the U.N. or the EU," the Bangkok Post quoted him as saying in an inter-

His multi-ethnic MTA controls much of the world's opium production in the golden triangle, according to international drug agencies. The warlord told the Post

he was unwilling to step aside for intervention by members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), citing ASEAN's policy of constructive engagement with the junta in Rangoon.

He said areas under his control could be transformed into a narcotics-free zone, adding that the restoration of democracy to Burma would help solve the country's drug problems.

He gave no further details and did not acknowledge any involvement in the drug

Sinhalese radicals appose peace plan

Tamil rebels kill two soldiers in Sri Lanka

On Tuesday, Hundreds of Sinhalese radicals demonstrated Tuesday against the government's peace package aimed at ending the 12-year ethnic conflict.

"Throw away the government proposals that divide the country," chanted the protestors, including Buddhist monks. They waved placards and shouted antigovernment slogans in a Colombo suburb disrupting peak hour traffic.

Buddhist organisations and monks, who traditionally champion the Sinhalese causes, are in the forefront opposing the government package which offers wide

administrations. rebels also have rejected the

In another development, the government's agent in rebel-controlled northern Sri Lanka said that thousands of people were facing food shortages in Jaffna peninsu-

"The government should resolve a dispute with the Red Cross over escorting food ships to the peninsula," said K. Ponnambalam, the government agent, in a letter President Chandrika kumaratunga.

The Internacional Committee of the Red Cross pulled out last month when the rebels ended their assurance not to attack the vessels.

The guerrillas objected to

the ships unloading part of their cargo at government, port at Kankesanthurai. They claim that the food is being used by the military.

The Red Cross says that it. would escort ships that. unload food only at a rebelheld port and skip Kankesanthurai port. The government has turned down the ICRC suggestion.

Food supplies have not, reached rebel-held areas since the military launched. its biggest offensive last

A government embargo on. several items has left Jaffna. peninsula a dilapidated war. zone. Few people have fuel, electricity, radios and can-

autonomy to eight regional Half of northern Irish fear Burma's Karen rebels new IRA campaign — poll

BELFAST (R) — Almost balf the people of Northern Ireland fear that the IRA will resume its guerrilla war against British rule one year after it declared a ceasefire, according to a poll pub-lished on Wednesday.

It showed that 46 per cent of people polled feared a resumption of violence against a background of a Anglo-Irish deadlocked peace initiative.

Most respondents in the poll, carried out by the Irish News, said they also feared that Protestant Loyalists would also resume a guerrilla war which they balled with a truce last October to match the IRA gesture.

The poll was published days before the first anniversary on Sept. 1 of the truce called by the Irish Republican Army to get is political wing, Sinn Fein, invited to new talks to find a lasting Ireland conflict. Gerry Adams, president of

Sinn Fein, has repeatedly warned that there could be renewed conflict if the diplomatic stalemate over new all-party talks was not brnken soon.

British and Irish officials were working this week on new proposals which they hoped would reinforce Northern Ireland's year-long peace and get the negotialing process moving.

Efforts to convene allparty talks are at a standstill over Britain's demand that the IRA and Loyalist guerrillas first start handing over

Sinn Fein says the IRA will not hand over a single gun and wants the weapons issue to be resolved in allparty talks.

The first part of the poll, which was published on

settlement to the Northern Tuesday, showed that 65 per cent of people backed theBritish demand but that balf of Catholics, from which Sinn Fein draws support, were against it.

The Anglo-Irisb proposals are expected to include efforts to burdle the arms obstacle perhaps by referring it to an international commission to oversee weapons decommissioning.

There is also speculation that Britain could ease its refusal to free close to 1,000 IRA and Lovalist prisoners by announcing new guidelines on parole and remis-

The poll in the news, which is seen as an Irish Nationalist newspaper, said one in three people backed early release for prisoners to

Indonesia minister seeks to douse anger over flag burning

JAKARTA Indonesian Defence Minister Edi Sudrajat has joined official attempts to calm domestic anger over demonstrations in Australia at which the national flag was burned, reports said Wednesday.

Mr. Sudrajat said the acrimonious reactions in Indonesia only benefited those who wanted to jeopardiSe Jakarta-Canberra

"Don't get carried away by emotion because if that is the case, it will only please those who are antiintegration," the Kompas daily quoted the minister as

Indonesian officials have blamed East Timorese exiled in Australia for the

burning of Indonesian flags during prinests in several Australian cities. In response, Indonesian

youths have picketed the Australian embassy in Jakarta. In one demonstration, protesters burned Australian flags and forced their way into the embassy compound.

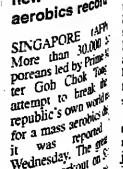
"We should react to matters such as these, in a proportionate way," Mr. Sudrajat said. He added that a protest had been made to the Australian embassy and that Canberra had been asked to prevent similar protests.

The Indonesian military called on the public not to overreact Tuesday, with armed forces spokesman Brigadier General Suwarno Adiwijoyo also saying fles with Australia could be harmed.

Indonesian flags bave also been set alight in New Zealand, Spain and the Philippine but Jakarta demonstrations have only taken place at the Australian and Philippine embassies.

The Indonesian Importers Association has, bowever, threatened to halt its trade with Australia next month if Canberra did not expel the East Timorese behind the flag burnings.

Indonesia annexed the former Portuguese colony of East Timor in 1976 but the United Nations still considers Lisbon as the legal administrator.



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For the sake of many

RIGHT FROM the moment the Baghdad regime plunged its forces into Kuwait in Aug. 1990, Jordan made all possible efforts to spare the Iraqi people the consequences of their leadership's blunder. In the beginning, the Jordanian leadership sought an Arab solution that would ensure Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait and save the Iraqi army, people and leadership from the humiliating defeat in the battlefield and the biting and bitter sanctions that followed. At the height of the 1990 crisis many pope sought to convince the Iraqi leadership theatre it had miscalculated. But the Iraqi regime shut its eyes and ears to all genuine advice and goodwill.

Now that the Iraqi regime has reached a dead-end, and now that the whole world, especially the Arab World, has realised how ill-intentioned that regime has become, Jordan cannot continue to ignore the facts and keep silent. The nature of that regime, its violations of its people's human rights and its amassing of all kinds of weapons of mass-destruction are frightening.

Not only did that regime miscalculate before, during and after its invasion of Kuwait, it still cannot fathom the nature of today's world order or the extent of the determination of the world community to put an end to its practices both internally and external-

Without ignoring the intentions of the big powers, and the enemies of the nation, the handling of the Iraqi regime of the crisis has so far wrought havoc on Iraq and the Arab Nation it claims it is defending. The country itself has effectively become divided into three parts. The Iraqi people are being reduced into living in a pre-industrial. pre-civilised world. And the Arab Nation that the Iraqi leadership aspires to lead has been shattered and fragmented as a result of the invasion of Kuwait.

Jordan has no ambition in Iraq or in any part of Arab lands, be they near or far. But Jordan has a vision, as His Majesty King Hussein said last night. Jordan wants to see an Iraq and an Arab Nation that are free, an Arab people that live in dignity, and a region that enjoys peace free from all fears of repression, war and the devastation that mass-destruction weapons might

It is time that the Iraqi leadership realised that what it did and is doing is neither in the interest of Iraq, nor the Iragi people, nor the Arab Nation. Irag has been reduced to a status unbefitting of a country of its size and wealth. It is high time that the Iraqi leadership complied with the dictates of the international community and brought Iraq back into the community of civilised nations.

The View from Academia

Not sunset, but an afternoon

WHILE SOME people look forward to retirement with a great deal of eagerness and enthusiasm, many dread it. For most people, the years of retirement are extremely anti-climactic, disappointing, tranmatic and perhaps even killing (in the literal and metaphoric sense of the term). Clearly, efforts must be exerted, individually as well as collectively, to make the said years more pleasant, fruitful and worth living.

For a number of people, retirement is not a problem. The reasons here vary. Some (particularly those who retire fairly late in life) are without regrets of any sort. They enjoy baving time for themselves, their friends and their family; all they seek is peace and quiet, the respect and love of those around them, and (as they say) God's "mercy" and 'hlessings." Others in fact plan to retire. They have in mind to pursue a different line of work, establish their own business or devote themselves to a certain activity or a personal "whim" of some sort. Other people (the "luckier" ones) bave jobs or positions ready for them, jobs and positions which are as rewarding, financially and morally, as the jobs or positions they are leaving behind — if not in fact more rewarding. This category includes high-ranking officials of all kinds, influential people and people who have access to influence. Some of them are sought because

they are highly competent and qualified, but many of them are not necessarily sought for this reason.

The majority, bowever, find themselves (in the supposedly glorious days of peace and quiet) "resting" more than they need to rest, taking it "easy" more than they need to take it easy and baving more time than they know what to do with

what to do with. Add the following two factors to this pretty picture. While a few people retire at a relatively advanced age, most retire young. I know many people who have retired, from some ministries and the armed forces, in their late thirties and early forties. I do not have the statistics with me right this minute, but I am one hundred per cent sure their number is quite sub-stantial, if not alarming. Most people retire between the ages of 45 and 60. Few people retire after 60 or

Take into account here also the sad fact that most people in our society do not have serious bobbies or activities to pursue, before they retire and after. How many people (and let's make an exception here for the few fortunate

individuals and neighbourhoods) play piano, guitar, violin, bagpipe, pipe, flute or any other instrument? How many go to musical concerts? How many read books or magazines devotedly or even half-devotedly? How many are part of a reading or discussion group? How many take part in a community activity? How many hike, jog, swim or play sports? The vast majority of people in the so-called "popular" areas and small towns and villages (which constitute 80 per cent of our society) spend their day (in the exciting years of retirement) drinking tea and coffee or smoking, on the sidewalk, in the veranda or in the living room in front of the television.

room in front of the television.

Retirement is a big problem for many people. First of all, it is a psychological trauma for the person bimself. How does it feel to be useless and unneeded, professionally that is? How does it feel to be unproductive? Unappreciated? Unappreciative of one's self? The negative thoughts and feelings (and one obviously has all the time in the world to think and feel; what else can one do?) can be extremely damaging to an aging person.

Secondly, it is also often a psychological trauma for the rest of the family. Family members do not particularly like to see their father (and in some cases the mother or elder brother or gandfather) suffering before their eyes. But the

brother or gandfather) suffering before their eyes. But the retired parent may start, and this is what often happens, to interfere with the lives of the family members more than he/sbe should, taking out his/her frustrations on them and picking fights with them. (Of course there are exceptions). The well-being of many families and the fate of many marriages are greatly threatened as a result of retirement.

One can think of many solutions to the problem, or at least suggestions and ways to alleviate the trauma. Ideally, of course, people ought to have the opportunity to keep their jobs for longer periods, especially those who are asked to retire early. But knowing the unemployment sked to refire early. But knowing the intempolyment situation we are going through (those who retire often make room for younger people without work) and knowing the various rules and systems we bave, it seems silly to suggest the prolonging of service. If early retirement seems to be inevitable then, the following suggestions may help, especially for those who are unable to find work.

The first thing we ought to do is ro prepare people for retirement (psychologically and mentally) and to help them cope with it once it comes. A great many people who retire,

to not often know what they are getting into. Generally, our society is not good at facing certain problems, or even recognising them. Certain problems will be staring us in the face and we will not even have the sense (sophistication? courage?) to confront them. We, individuals and institutions alike, hury our heads in the sand and pretend everything is O.K. with the world. We, individuals and institutions, should recognise that retirement is a problem and then counsel people on how to deal with it. How is one to conduct one's self in one's family? How can one stop bein selfish and pathetic? How can one develop certain goodhabits, activities, interests? How to cope with time? Peope need advice and councelling. For this purpose, we need o create a certain forum (within our own institutions or intependent of them) whose aim is to deal with retirement as a problem and to make advice and informa-tion available to those who plan to retire or those who already have. And since people would be too sby or intimidated to approach the forum, the forum must find

ways of approaching them.

We shuld make use of the concept of volunteer work, much more so than we are doing. Many retired individuals make perfect candidates for voluntary work. For one thing, many of hem have valuable experience which they are more than ager to contribute. For another, many of them can be trailed to do things they do not know much about. Furthermore, many of them will be content with a symbolic salary of them work for from salary or een work for free.

Many retred persons can work on advisory committees or be part of a group entrusted with a certain task. I heard on Americantelevision the other day an announcement by a private firm seeking the expertise of retired executives in advising som people on setting up small businesses. Many of our institutions, public and private, could do something similar. We duld seek the help of retired civil servants, teachers, military officers, etc. We may not be able to to get the respons we want at the beginning, for the concept of voluntary wek bas not yet sunk in most of our minds, but as time goesby, and with enthusiasm and devotion to the idea, we cal make it work.

I believe that there is life in retirement, but people need to be helped to selit, cope with its challenges and learn to appreciate it. Refrement is not sunset (as our society seems to view it); it is a long summer afternoon.

The era of Japan Inc is over

TOKYO — The 50th anniversary of the end of the World War II finds the Japanese in an unusually troubled and self-questioning mood. For 1995 has truly heen an annusual horribilis. In all sorts of ways, the myths that have ways, the myths that have sustained Japan through the post-war decades have been coming apart at the seams. It started on the morning

of Jan. 17 when in a few shuddering seconds the centre of Kobe was turned into a rubble-strewn wasteland. The human cost — 5,000 dead and 40,000 homeless right in the heart of one of the world's richest cities was traumatic enough. The shock was compounded by what was revealed about the reliability of the author-ities. All the elaborate disaster drills and failsafe procedures were shown to be useless. Residents were left to dig the dead and wounded out of the debris unaided; fires hlazed unheeded due to the fire hrigade's inability to ohtain

An even more shocking event followed — the nerve-gas attack on the Tokyo underground. The subsequent revelation about the schemes of cultleader Sboko Asahara, a figure who could have stepped out of the pages of the weirdest "manga" comic-book, knocked giant holes the myth of the safe, wellgoverned society. It is possible that the police really had no idea what was happening? If not, they were incompetent. If they did, they were hugely irresponsible in allowing it to

Economic policymakers have fared no better. A series of grave misjudge-ments has brought the most dynamic economy of the post-war era to the closest condition to a deht defla-tion that the world has seen for 60 years. Zero growth, collapsing asset markets, a banking system rotten with debt — the obvious problems are unwelcome enough. The more disturbing feature has been the government's inability to master a situation which, given Japan's capital resources, should be by no means beyond solution. Again, the weakness of a system based not on rules but on the exercise of hureaucratic discretion has been made manifest.

The protracted economic slump is having significant side-effects. Intense pressure to cut costs in forcing changes in Japan's post-war corporate culture. When the growth machine stops. lifetime employment and seniority pay become un-affordable. When the stock market collapses, the practice of companies "crossholding" each other's shares become a recipe for

A 50-year quest to excel has succeeded — too well. Peter Tasker surveys a disconcerting future

disaster. When large chunks of manufacturing industry move off-shore - a process which has only just begun - the keiretsu network of supplier and subcontractors has to be cut away at some point.

All this will have far-

reaching social implicaemployment system workers have allowed themselves to be exploited in terms of working conditions in return for long-term security. Similarly, small companies have allowed themselves to be dominated by large companies in re-turn for stable husiness relations. Sacrifice in return for risk-sharing - that is the grand bargain at the heart of Japanese-style capitalism and the impressive social cohesion it has fostered. As the pre-war record shows, there is nothing culturally determined about Japanese social stability.

The current slide down

the GNP growth table is profoundly disorienting for a nation that has defined itself almost exclusively in terms of economic success. .The path Japan has taken over the past 50 years was mapped out by Japan's greatest post-war prime minister. Shigeru Yoshida. According to the "Yoshida doctrine," Japan could return to the first rank of nations only hy concentrating all its efforts on economic development. It would provide forward bases that would allow the U.S. military to dominate the Pacific. In return, it would receive free protection and open markets. At home politics would be dominated by the one-party rule of the Liheral Democrat Party, which was set up in 1955 with the help of CIA funding. Real power, however.

would remain in the hands of the bureaucracy. Exports would be prioritised, consumption repressed and foreign competition kept out of strategic sectors until it was too late to make a difference. Industry would be organised hierarchically. and company unions encouraged in the place of trade unions.

It worked like a dream. Starting with the stimulus of Korean War demand, the Japanese economy took off on a super-charged reconstruction boom. Inflation and labour militancy — both serious problems in

the immediate post-war, years - were ruthlessly quelled, and the left-wing opposition marginalised. Self-Defence Forces were set up, in apparent defiance of the Peace Constitution, but America's nuclear umbrella provided all the

protection anyone needed. 1964 marked Japan's return to international respectability. In the same year Japan sloughed off the official classification of "develop-ing nation" and was accepted into the OECD. Since then the factories have poured out an ever more sophisticated range of goods, incomes have soared and Japan's great com-panies have become leading players in the global eco-

So the psychological effect of the current slump runs deep. Over the years, Japan has grown accustomed to its industrial strategies being criticised. feared, admired and imitated. In the hubristic eighties, Japanese intellectuals even talked of a "reverse Marshall Plan" through which Japan would bail out that economic hasket-case the United

Indeed, from the other side of the Pacific, the situation looked threatening. Japanese companies were dominating key hi-tech in-dustries and snapping up trophy assets such as Columhia Pictures and the Rockefeller Centre. An influential group of Washington insiders was suggesting that American policy should be geared towards the "containment" of Japanese industrial power a deliberate echo of Dulles-era cold war rhetor-

Unlike the original "evil empire." the industrial version is still alive and kicking. But containment is no longer necessary. The tro-phy assets are being sold off at knock-down prices and Japanese companies are struggling to keep up in new growth areas such as multimedia and PC networking. While nobody was looking, the Japanese have done an excellent joh of containing

themselves. The Americans, however, are unrelenting. Trade frictions appear to be endless and both liberal Democrats and right-wing isolationists have been questioning the value of the U.S.-

Japan Security Treaty, the hulwark of Japan's entire post-war foreign policy. Popular sentiment is reflected in the success of Japan-bashing best-sellers such as Michael Crichton's Rising Sun and Tom Clancy's Debt of Honour.

The eruption of bitterness about Japan's actions half a century ago can be seen in much the same terms. Simply put, the West no longer needs Japan as an ally in the fight against Communism. Conflicts. whether about closed markets or the treatment of Pows and "comfort women," can be brought out into the open.

From the Japanese point of view, the natural response would seem to be a shift away from reliance on the West to an Asiaoriented strategy. Indeed, since the Meiji Restoration in 1873. Japanese intellec-tuals have veered between pro-Western and pan-Asian yearnings. The last swing to pan-Asianism supplied the ideological impetus to the Pacific War. Another such swing could have unfavourable consequences for all concerned. For this time there is competition within Asia itself. Another superpower already exists, nuclear-armed, increasingly powerful in economic terms, and as unpredictable and touchily nationalistic as Japan was on its own emergence on to the world stage. In the 21st century

pan-Asianism will he a high-risk strategy.
Japan's long march — which hegan not with Yoshida hut with the Meiji Restoration itself — reached its goal in the eighties. In wealth and technology, Japan had finally caught gy, Japan had finally caught up with the leading countries of the West. The first attempt ended in disaster 50 years ago. The second achieved everything that Yoshida could have hoped for. Yet in some ways his vision may have been too successful for Japan's own good. The Japan inc system became too powerful, too rigid. In retrospect, the elimination of politics as a creative force in society now looks like a fatal flaw.

The premises on which the system was huilt -American goodwill, an immature, fast-growing economy, hureaucratic wisdom
— are crumbling away, hut Japan's natural powers of adaptation seem to have atrophied. No doubt time will restore them, but this phase of political and psychological restructuring has many more years to

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Algeria set for showdown

PARIS (R) - Algeria's army-backed government and its Muslim fundamentalist foes are set for a military and political showdown after the authorities announced Nov. 16, as the date for controversial presidential elections.

There has already been an upsurge of violence in the North African country in recent weeks after the government pressed ahead with plans to bold the polls following the failure of negotiations with fun-damentalist leaders earlier

this year. An estimated 40,000 people have been killed in more than three years of civil strife which started after the government in January 1992 cancelled elections the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), the main Muslim militant group, was poised

to win. But many fear the worst is yet to come.
One would be out of his

mind not to expect more killings in the months ahead," an Algiers-hased diplomat said. It will be difficult to mobilise people and politicians around the poll drive

and at the same time hold talks. The dialogue is the first casualty of the election," be said.
Political analysts in Algiers say the Muslim rebels are already taking part

in a tug-of-war over the

polls hy stepping up their attacks to deter people from going to cast ballots. As the presidential election nears, the terrorist groups are increasing attacks, especially through over-using of bombings, the most influential newspaper, El Watan, com-

A spokesman for President Lamine Zeroual announced on Friday that presidential elections would be held on Nov. 16 and the United Nations, the Arab League and the Organisation of African Unity had been asked to oversee the

But FIS vowed to stop the vote and said the authorities were trying to win legitimacy by force.

The Islamic Salvation Front refuses point blank these elections as they are proposed by the putsch-ists..." the outlawed group said in a statement signed said in a statement signed by one of its spokesman, Anwar Haddam, from his exile in Washington. Mr. Haddam told the Times of London in an in-

terview published Saturday that the rebels would not allow the polls to go ahead.
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Some diplomats aid they doubted an elected president would bring about the change expected hy Alge-rians, and commentators were sceptical about the government's ability to ensure security for woers in time for the poll.

"Local official reports

came once again to remind those who try to forget the Algerian daily life. These reports show that several problems still remain in some regions like security, transport and communications means," the daily Liberte said.

Analysts and diplomats said the government had, failed so far to widen support for the election. Only leaders of small groups and political figures close to the military had vowed sup-

Algeria's other main opposition groups including the former ruling National Liberation Front and the Socialist Forces Front, have said they oppose the polls and nrged the authorities to resume a dialogue with FIS.

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Seasons of change: To U.N. ogencies are brining in some "new blood" this sumer and foll with the retirement uf their seniur representares in Amman, Already on bourd is Jorgen Lissner who care in from his post in Lithuanio to succeed Otlinian Husheilas U.N. resident coordinator and United Nations Developent Fund (UNDP) resident representutive. Mr. Hashem sturned to his home in Sudan and is said in be enjoying his direment from many years of service with the world body. In Lissner a Dane, urrived in mid-June and only this pasweek organised the afficial launch in the region of the UNP's Human Development Report for

1995. He says that his office und the Jordanian government have revently agreed to conduct a similar study to prepare o human development profile on Jordan specifically. Mr. Lissner is o development policy graduate of the University of Aurhus, Denmirk, and speaks English, French and German hesides his mother tongue. He also soid that UNDP is working with the guvernment in plunning far an investment furum to be held the day after the conclusion of the Middle East ond North Africo (MENA) summit for as many MENA participants as may stay un in Amman. The furum's aim, Mr. Lissner says, will he to promote investment projects for the countries of the region (sperifically Morocca, Egypt. Tunisia, Palestine and Jordun). Mr. Lissner has had a mixed bag of experience with the U.N. and nnn-gnvernmental organisatians and is purticularly proud that he hegan his coreer climb as a U.N. soldier in the Donish contingent to the arganisatiun's peuce keeping force in Cyprus from 1964 to 1965. He went on to work as a valunteer in villages in Korea, was a member of his foreign ministry's onti-apartheid committee und has been with the UNDP since 1982 in Ethiopia, Liherin. New York and Nepul He and his Conadian wife, Liti, have twa teenage sons.

An Asian exchange: At UNICEF (the United Nations Children's Fund) the powerful regional director's seat is once agoin to he held hy a friend from Asio. The new chief, Farid Rohman of Pakistan, will succeed Sarajini Vinochi, from India, who will be retiring from the U.N. in November. Although the position is o good step higher, the work and even the venue an familiar to Mr. Rohman. Mr. Rahman served in the late 80s us deputy regional director of UNICEF in Amman, then went an to Sudun as UNICEF representative in Kharmum and will lenve his present post as the ogency's representative in China to return to Amman in Nov. and certoinly reunite with many old friends and ossociates.

Envoys up, envoys out: On the diplomatic front Arab envoys make the news. Polestinion leader Yasser Arofat has pramuted Omar Khatih in ambassadar plenipotentiary to Jurdan and has appointed him representative of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and the Polestinian Notional Authority (PNA) in Jordan. Mr. Khotib was most recently minister plenipotentiary and chargé d'affoires in Jordan far the embassy of Palestine. On the Gulf, word is that Qatori Amhussudor Nosser Ahdul Aziz Nusser, who hegan his Jordan tenure in Fehruary 1992 and who onribates much of the warming of relations between the two countries to his partic-ular style of diplomacy, is tipped to be Doha's new envoy to Washington. While Amman loses what some would call on "octive" envoy in his eorly 40s, it will gain un even younger Qasori ambassador (in his mid-30s), and this time from none other than the ruling Al Thuni fumily.

This was only a test: Jurdan Radio and Television Corporation Director General Ihsun Ramzi admits he too was surry when M-Net, the mavie and music channel that was part of the "bouquet" of 5 channels offered by the corporation to viewers on a subscription hasis, went off the air. But, he reminds subscribers that the oiring of M-Net over recent months was meant to be o trial period. "We will be sending out questionnoires to our subscribers soon to determine what their programme preferences are. We were obliged to run M-Net only for o trial period as we have not yet obtained the rights to air the show." He says it was unfortunate that subscribers were not notified of the cancellation of M-Net and its replacement with StarPlus, but added that subscribers will not be billed for the service to the end of the year. Mr. Ramzi adds that those who may wish to, will soon have an opportunity to sahscribe to the Orbit Television Network's multichannel system. But estimates of casts for the Rome-based network's news and entertainment channels are quite steep (\$2,000 for the decoder, and \$10-15 per programme). When the Jordan Radio and Televison Corporation's subscriber questionnaires are finally distributed and callected ogain, the corporation will evaluate just what sort of "bouquet" its subscrihers are interested in and then promises to do its best to offer them the sweetest of the garden.

Groovin in Eilat: If relevision is not your beat, look southwest. Jazz buffs may turn green with envy when they discover that Aqaba residents ore heing offered discounts on juzz tickets plus herel occommodations to unend the Red Sea Jan Festivol in Eilot next week. The Jerusalem Post reported that Happy Taurs, un Agaba ogenit; is orranging fir locol residents to spend a night of music with performers such as Kurt Elling, Joshua Redman, and Mackoy Tyner with Bobby Hutcherson. The paper said visitors from Aquba are olso to get entry to an all-night jam session at the Riviero Hotel, ingether with free breakfast. The overnight stay is o must because by the time the concerts are over, the border crossing will already have been closed. Visas ure supposedly being arranged by Eilat Municipality Secretary Dov Scharf, who is reported to be the local official responsible for ties with Jordan. Nathing was mentioned about discounts for Moan, Tafileh, or Kerak residents, or for that matter anyone else in Jordan who might enjoy a night of sax and drums over of the neighbours, but we expect the offer would extend to all.

Hieroglyphics? Now if puzzles are more your speed, we have got o real baffler for you top right. We will give you only nne clue: Sports. Still stumped? Try this: It is Al Dustour's Standings for the First Division Soccer Championships

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Give it time: Castello, the neorly JD 1 million restauron: venture of surgeon Bassam Akasheh, Sandra Madi, and Busil Madi, opened with such a blaze of rumours that nothing would do but a first hand look. No question that on sight, the owners outdid themselves: high ceiling, winding staircase. cozy bar, elegant indoor and outdoor dining oreos and a custle-size fireploce. The menu is similar to the continental menus offered uround town with a touch of some Provençal dishes. Prices ore a bit steeper, some portions o touch less generous. The major problem is — and we recognise this as being too often the case with most food establishments that aspire to the highest standards — service. When the garden seoting is filled, as it often is, the multitude of waiters and cooks still uppear in a frenzy. But the attitude of the management in trying to he most occommodating to their patrons and even asking some how things could be improved should help turn the tables, so to speak, and get the staff to just reiax, take o deep breath and try ogain til they get it right. It's a beautiful place, full of potential — it just needs to pass through growing poins.

Jennifer Hamarnel:

Medical resource book sheds light on normal child health

By Rima Cetbawi Special to the Jolan Times

AMMAN - Te recently published Araic translation of Rould Illingworth's resorce book 'The Normal Child' is a good step ewards implementing rab Health ministries' lecision to work towads changing the languag of medical education nto Arabic. according v president of the Jordan Academy of Arabic Ablul Karim Kha-

With o'er 50 years of paediatricexperience, Dr. Illingworh died in 1990 at the age of 81, but only after hinding over the tenth edition of The Normal Child' to publishers.

As expected by his reader. Dr. Illingworth's writin;s "will undoubtedly survive him and continue doubted an elected be change expected by to bing knowledge to a wide range of doctors and health professionals, and no coubt also understanding. solace and reassurrents," said reader Victor Only Dr. Illingworth's

'disciples', wbo, according to Mr. Dubowitz, "are widely scattered in positions of paediatric emi-nence around the world," have come to realise through their teacher's remarkable medical talent the necessity of studying the normal and healthy as a fundamental foundation for understanding the abnormal.

Paediatric education was previously more emphatic on disease instead of health, causing undergraduate students to lack the essential basics of paediatric knowledge.

'The Normal Child' underscores the importance of knowing the normal in child development. It tackles vital aspects in child care such as breastfeeding, physical conditions, the normal course of growth and progress, physical features, specifie behavioural and psycholoance to many anxious pa- gical problems, learning disorders, prevention of made it a 'musi' not only infectious diseases and for family doctors, clinical accidents as well as child care surveillance.

The tenth edition includes many modifications, alterations and discussions on general child problems, rewritten chapters on physical growth and new chapters on helping children achieve their potential. "I consider this as a basic book in paediatrics,"

said paediatrician Fathiyeh Saudi who translated 'The Normal Child' into Arabic. Having taken a period of three years, the task of translating this musterful piece of paediat-ric literature will also pave the way for more focused attention on the need to bave good Arabic references for students of science and medicine in the Arab world, said Dr.

The smooth yet elaborate manner with which the book presented fundamental knowledge has, according to Dr. Saudi, medical officers and nurses to read but also for teachers, mothers and others concerned with child health.

Basically any educated person can read this book and benefit from it," Dr. Saudi said.

The book is enriching because it is replete with vital information, she said. It is one of those rare books comprising medical topics that are presented in a friendly way to captivate the interest of readers who are remote from the medical field.

The Arabic translation of 'The Normal Child' is 'excellent' according to Dr. Khalifeh. "I found the book very useful both for practitioners and non-practitioners," he added. The addition of a valu-

able Arabic scientific reference book to the existing number could be in keeping with the tendency to implement the Arab health ministries' resolu-

tion made during a meeting in Damascus in the 1980s, said Dr. Khalifeh. In the meeting in ques-tion, Arab health minis-

ters agreed to equip Arab universities with the right resources and facilities to teach medical sciences in Arabic by the year 2000, according to Dr. Khalifeh.

"I believe the book is highly recommendable for an educated person to read. I do however, not believe the information contained to be sufficient for a specialist," said in-ternist Kandeel Shaker, who is a professor of medicine and health profession education at the Jordan University Hospit-

In a letter to the Jor-dan Academy of Arabic, Dr. Sbaker expressed his opinion on the book stating that it is beneficial for general practitioners. medical professionals. teachers, educated parents and others concerned with proper child rearing, but it cannot be

totally relied upon as a source of information for specialists in the field of paediatrics.

"It is certainly a rich resource and an excellent reference for university libraries, but it is not as text-book for coursework teaching," Dr. Shaker said.

Having been translated into nine different languages, the book, which earned the support of Abdel Hamid Shoman Foundation for its Arabic version, is viewed by the foundation as a "valuable reference for an important topic." The translated version contains illustrative diagrams, and explanatory pictures and includes English medical terms printed next to the corresponding Arabic terminol-

"This further enables readers of the Arabic translation to benefit by increasing their English medical vocabulary," Dr.



Major BBC series highlights role of women in the Arab world

A major new radio series focussing on the role of women in the Arab world and some of the issues facing them begins on BBC World Service this month, Nagwa El-Tami. Deputy Features Editor and North Africa about topics which have a profound effect on their lives today.

Called 'Noon Al Niswa' the 25-week series is a thorough survey of women in the Arab world looking at their achievements, aspirations and problems. It aims to raise the level of understanding of women's rights in society and is being broadcast on the BBC Arabic Service.

"This series doesn't set out to expose women as second class citizens nor does if focus upon problems ainne," said Nagwa El Tami. "What it aims to do is to offer listeners - men and women - a balanced view of issues affecting the lives of women in the modern Arab world, with ordinary people voicing a range of different opinions."

Over the past six months Nagwa El-Tami has travelled through Jordan, the West Bank, Oatur, United Arab Emirates, Tunisia, Morocco, Mauritania and her native Egypt.

She has met and talked with many women and men in both urban and rural areas who address a range of topics including violence, illiteracy, female circamcision and women's rights. Women in public life including the celebrated Egyptian writer and defender of women's rights, Hosn Shah, and Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, of the newly formed Palestinian Human Rights Commission, also discuss issues relating to women in general.

Other topics covered in the series include birth control, where Tunisia is successfully leading the way; divorce, a subject of concern across the Arab

world especially in Mauritania where 90 per cent of aromen have been divorced not just once but often several times, and segregation, a policy which many

'Noon Al Niswa' is the largest series in a major BBC World Service education initiative marking the United Nations' Fourth Women's Conference due to take place in Beijing in September. The initiative is World Service Education's largest to date with 28 new series commissioned in 24 different languages.

In September Nagwa El-Tami will be in Beijing to report on the U.N. Conference for the BBC Arabie Service and BBC Arabic Television. Later programmes in the series will include interviews with some of the delegates taking part.

'Noon Al Niswa' began on the BBC Arabic Service on Sunday. 20 August at 05.45 GMT and is repeated on Tuesday's at 16.45 on the following wavelengths: Eastern Mediterranean: Sunday and Tuesday on 639 and 720 MW.

Among those interviewed in the series are: Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, Head of the Palestinian Human Rights Commission. Maryem Bent Ahmed, Mauritania's Minister for Women, Hosn Shah, Egyptian writer and defender of women's rights. Mona Zoo Al Faqar, Egyptian lawver and a leading campaigner, Tujan Faisal, Jordan's only women Member of Parliament, Princess Fatema Al-Zahraa, Head of the Women's Union in Morocco. Fayza Al Kafi, Head of the Women's Union in Tunisia. Dr. Ayesha Al Sayvar, the only deputy minister in the United Arab Emirates, Dr. Zakia Mal-Allah, the first Qatan woman in gain a PhD., and Dr. Moza Al Makli, social counsellor at Qatar University.

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New Windows open wide

By Jean-Claude Elias

WINDOWS 95, the new operating system (OS) for personal computers (PCs) by Microsoft is here at last. Promised since last year, the product took some extra time to fine tune. With its official commercial launch this August, Windows 95 has captured the cover of nearly every computer magazine on earth, including 'Hasoob', Jordan Computer Society's monthly publication, as well as some prime space in many non-specialised dailies from Boston to Hong

The system is expected to have a remarkable impact on the world of personal computing. Analysts estimate that it will sell at least 30 million copies by the end of this year, tightening Microsoft's iron grip on software market.

While PC users have humbly accepted the constant changes imposed on them by software developers, forcing them to learn new programmes and new versions of the same programmes all the time, a new OS cannot be considered as a regular or a small change. Moving from Excel 4.0 to Excel 5.0 is one thing, but moving from Windows 3.1 to Windows 95 is another. A new OS is like a revolution.

The OS is the set of rules and commands that let you "drive" your computer. Moving, naming, renaming, copying, deleting, locating, grouping, protecting, organising your data and files, all are OS-related operations — hence its vital importance. Knowing your OS well is knowing how to use your computer. It affects any programme you may use. A

new OS means you have to enter a new world. Intended to be the successor of the already very popular Windows 3.1, Windows 95 therefore is not entirely a new system. In other words, one doesn't have to re-learn everything. Those familiar with the current version should not find it too difficult to adapt. Still, they won't be able to do it overnight. In their July issue "PC Magazine" writes: "Users of Windows 3.1 will need a few weeks to feel really comfortable with Windows 95."

Microsoft have introduced many new features in their new OS. They have also brought solutions to a few weaknesses of the old one, satisfying the request of millions of users. The screens (the way menus appear on the monitor or display) have been rechip talk

designed - a double-edged knife for those who have become familiar with the old ones. Some major menus have been changed, for the better, technically

The list of improvements of Windows 95 over Windows 3.1 would be too long to detail here (true 32-bit software, multi-tasking, limitless string file

There is little doubt however that they are essential to allow users make the most of the Pentium generation of microprocessors. They have also been waiting for these improvements for several years

Practically speaking, we do not expect everybody to jump on the bandwagon in 1995. Many of Windows lovers will first adopt an attitude of "weighted reservation" and observation. I have been told that Windows 95 would require 16 MB of memory to operate and that 32 MB are recommended. This is obviously an extra expenditure that private PC owners can do without.

Ensuring compatibility with existing non-Microsoft Windows programmes (Harvard Graphics, Auto-Cad, and so on) will constitute a crucial part of the testing. Arabisation is another major point to keep in mind: the vast majority of users in Arab countries need a bilingual Windows. When Microsoft release a new system, they usually start with the English-only version and then develop the multi-lingual ones a few months later. Users in Jordan will probably wait for the Arabic-English OS.

It seems reasonable to foresee that by the end of 1996 or early 1997 latest, we will all be using Windows 95, a system that will usher us into the twenty first century.

More culture than a yoghurt

By Samer Ghaleb Bagaeen

Two groups of friends bump into each other at a cafe. They have not seen each other for quite a long time. Presumably they have quite a lot to talk about.

- Hey you guys, will you join us for a cup of tea?

Yes sure, we'd love to, as long as its our treat.
So it's tea all round, is it? — I will take a coffee, thanks.

As ever, always the odd one out.

So what has everyone been up to lately? It has been quite a while since we've seen one another.

- Well... I bought a fancy new expensive car a couple of weeks ago and I have spent a lot of time adding to it all sorts of gadgets and accessories. You guys should have seen how it skidded across the streets. Anyway, I crashed it yesterday.

— Oh my God! Look at those two girls over there... Sorry for interrupting. What about you, Samuel? What have you been up to?

— Quite a lot, I guess. I have, for one, been taking private lessons in Spanish and Chinese. I imagine that they would be quite useful when I leave for East Asia and South America next year.

- Why on earth would you want to go there? My family always goes to Boston during the holidays. That is the place that you should be going to. Besides, it is just like home, there are always a lot of people who would be more than ready to join you in a game of cards.

- Sorry guys, did anybody mention a game of

Oh come on, you guys, for surely a bit trekking

- Now you're talking. Waiter, could we have a deck of cards, please?

in a pace like Tibet can offer you both adventure and spiritual healing. And there is always the chance to explore different cultures and ways of living, to make new fliends and...

on mani Look at that girl with the curly red hair. Pas me a cigarette will you, and the car keys as

Cope on people, can't you see what cards, cigarette and cars have done to you? I think that it is about time you started doing something more useful and practial with the free time that you have on your hands. Three is so much more to life than any of you could imaline.

- Don you think that we know that already. Because it summer, we also go to a couple of clubs where we ang around the swimming pools. - You nean like hanging from palm trees with

your tongue drooping out of your mouths.

— Hey! I on't care whether all this is true or not, but it was thaily uncalled for.

- You are ight. But you guys need to pay much more attentio to everything that is happening around you. Alot of people around us have gone totally out of cotrol to the extent that stop signs are being placed o some roads where they are not required, even a law. We seem to need constant reminding of or duties as citizens towards others who share our entrangement with us. All this cannot be one man's structe. Besides, we still have a great deal to accomplish You do know that pages are being torn out of veral cultural magazines that enter the country, pd...

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

FANTASTIC FACTS

★ The natives of Bhutan write their prayers on flags placed on masts as they believe that the winds take with them these prayers to the heavenly gods.

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★ Scientists could find a "spider" jumping like a frog on Mount Everest (Himalaya).

are in distress or suffering from pain.

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An American citizen can carve shapes and pictures on a man's hair.

★ Sri Lankans annually celebrate the finding of a holy tooth from Buddha.

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By Mohammad A. Shuqair

- I must write a letter to my friend.

Yajib an aktob rissalatan ela sadeegi.

LET'S CHAT IN ARABIC

 This letter is urgent and important. Hathehir-rissala aajila wa hamma.

Dear uncle/aunt/madam/professor.
 Ummi/uimmati/sayyedati/ustathee al-aziz/aziza.

My dear father/mother/wife.

Abi/ummi/zawjati al-aziz/aziza. - Yours sincerely/faithfully.

Ai mukhiess/ai-mukhiessa Al-mohibb/al-mohibba.

 Yours affectionately. Your loving son/daughter.

Ibnokal habib/Ibnatokal habiba. With hope and respect I write this letter to you. Ma'a ihtirami wa ashami aktob hathehir-rissla elayka.

— Your letter gave me great pleasure. Laqad sarratni rissalatoka kathiran.

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BANK OF KNOWLEDGE

1. How do worms benefit the soil?

2. Where do turtles' hatch their eggs?

3. What purposes do the antennae of insects serve?

4. Why do some flowers give out perfume at night

5. What is the name of the only English poisonous

6. How many sides do the cells of a honeycomb have?

* * * * * **PUZZLES**

(A) JAMES & JOHN

James is three times as old as John. Eight years ago he was five times as old, and in sixteen years he will be twice as old. How old will he be when John is three times his (John's) present age?



Use the initial letters of the picture to name the four flowers.

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8:00 Major Dad 8:30 The Bold And The Beautiful

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11:50 Noble House (Best Seller) Part Ⅱ.

Sunday. Aug. 27

2:00 The Flintstones 2:30 Joshua Jones 2:45 The Mighty Jungle

3:00 Pugwall's Summer 3:30 Sky Trackers 4:00 Families

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5:30 Docu-Drama Le Monde Du Scilence

7:15 French Varieties

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Tuesday, Aug. 29

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3:00 Survival 4:00 Families

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Heavenly scent: Perfumes waft across the ages

By Paul Majendie Reuter

BRIGHTON, England -Press a button and out wafts the cologne that French emperor Napoleon Bonaparte once wore in battle. Press another and you are transported back six centuries to the perfume of Hungary's Queen Elizabeth, said to be so seductive that it enticed the King of Poland to propose marriage.

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For this is heavenly scent, a fascinating glimpse into the history, culture and romance of perfume over the last 2,500 years. France, where more than half the world's most famous perfumes are made, put together this nusal extravaganza that is now touring the globe offering aromatic sur-

prises. The latest stop is the elegant southern English seaside resort of Brighton with designer crystal bot- East to Europe and the tles which are, in Shakespeare's words, like "a liquid prisoner pent in walls of glass."

The romance of perfume has not faded over the ages. Cleopatra never went on a voyage unless her sails were coated with precious oils "so per-fumed that the winds were lovesick with them."

Emperor Nero loved roses to excess. He once arranged for a waterfall of petals which smothered one of his guests and kil-

The Prophet Mobam-mad said: Three things are dear to me on Earth --women, perfume and, for comfort, prayer."

The ancient Egyptians used fragrant woods and essences to please the gods. They also helped to offset the smell of burning flesh in religious sacri-

Christian erusaders where the museum has brought back "love in a have enchanted women "odoramas" to sniff along mist" from the Middle throughout the ages have

English tudors crushed its seeds and dusted the powder into their hair to drive

out lice. Strait-laced Victorians were so fearful of the sexual powers of scent that they would not let it touch their skin. Instead, they dabbed it on handkerchiefs and slippers.

The exhibition gives an intriguing glimpse into the world of noses, the name given to the perfumers who have created the world's most famous

They are like musicions gradually building a melody into a symphony.

They even talk about top, middle and hase notes when discussing how long a fragrance lingers in the memory. Perfumes, to their

creators, have vigorous personalities and a tena-The great perfumes that

fashioned by men.

From Ernest Beauxy creating Chanci No. 5 to William Poucher's Yardley English Lavender, these are the true artists in a figreely competitive

"war of the noses." Exotic fragrances are gathered from the four corners of the Earth petitgrain oils from Paraguay, cinnamon from Sri Lanka, cloves from Mada-

Exotica abound. Ambergris, a whale excretion, was popular with the great lover Casanova who drank it in his hot chocolate as an aphrodisiae.

The pungent petals of jasmine must be picked before sunrise. Fifty million rose petals are needed to produce on kilo of rose oil. Olfactory

opulence is everything.

The manufacturing process is wrapped in ornate language as the magic ingredients go through enfleurage, maceration dry

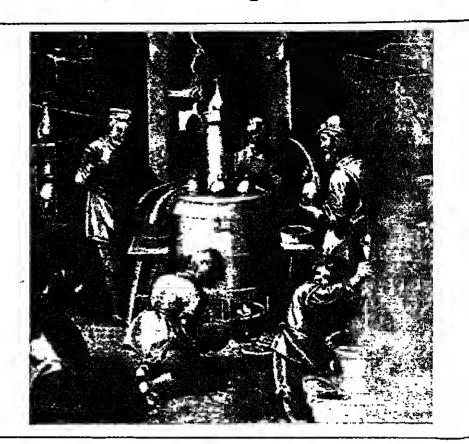
virtually all heen steam distillation and citrus extraction.

Design and advertising are vital to the success of a perfume, so often linked to the major fashinn houses.

A lalique perfume bottle sold at a London auction for £43,000 (\$69,000). Salvador Dali designed

highly prized bottles for schiaparelli, saying "smell is unquestionably the sense which best expresses immortality." The Bottle for "Femme" by Rochas was shaped in the hips of voluptuous actress Mae

Imagine a world without scents. It would be a much sadder and poorer place. That is why the Russian space programme paid the perfume industry perhaps its greatest compliment. Soviet astronauts were sent into space with phials of essential oils to remind them of Earth and overcome the emotional deprivation of scentless



An age-old process for dry steam distillation of essential oils

A thousand years of Islamic art

By Hanns Neuerbourg The Associated Press

GENEVA - More than 1,000 years of Islamic art are covered in a spectacular panorama complied by two major shows seen this summer in Switzerland.

A vast selection of objects have been on view, ranging from fragments of a Koran written less than a century after the death of the Prophet Mohammad to armour that may have been used in the 1529 Turkish siege of Vienna to an enchanting pre-World War

I calligraphic composition: Splendid samples of calligraphy, the art of beautiful writing, dominate the shows at Lugano and Geneva. The art soared to heights under Islam because of the weight the Koran gave to any written text. The prohibition to depict human figures in religious manuscripts also made artists concentrate on the perfection of writ-

The exhibition at Lugano's Villa Favorita, home priceless European art treasures of the Thyssen-Bornemisza collection until their move to Madrid three years ago, features more than 200 masterpieces from the St. Petersburg institute for Oriental

outside Russia, they primarily include manuscripts and brilliantly coloured miniatures produced for princely palaces between Baghdad and Delhi. Outstanding among

them is a magnificent "Murakka," an album comprising decorative court scenes painted by Persian miniaturists between the 16th and early 18th century. Another top attraction

at Lugano is a richly illustrated 13th-century copy of the Magamat, telling the amusing stories of Abu Zaid, an Arab adventurer. Faces of many figures in the book have been erased or otherwise made unrecognisable evidence of early Islamic fundamentalism. From Lugano, where it closed Aug. 12, the exhibition moved to New York where it is scheduled to open sometime in fall at the Metropolitan Museum

Art under the sultans of the Ottoman empire. which at its peak stretched from North Africa to the Caucasus and from Yemen to Austria, is the theme of the exhibition at Geneva's Greekcolumned Musee Rath, It marks the first major pub-

of Art.

Shown for the first time lie presentation of choice items from the collection of Nasser David Khalili, the Iranian-born American tycoon who is based

in London. The emphasis, too, is on calligraphy which catalogue editor Ulian Raby said was "developed hy the Arabs, was refined in Iran and Iraq but reached its apogee in Islanhul."

Visitors also can admire an impressive array of other highly decorative objects reflecting life in peace and war under the sultans who ruled over a multinational empire that lasted 600 years. Richly engraved head harnesses for war horses and mail shirts which may have tected the troops of Suleiman the Magnificent in advancing to the walls of Vienna in 1529 tell of the military might of the sultans who relied on the world's first standing

Compasses, astrolabes (early sextants) and a 17th-century atlas with sea charts and views of Venice, Cairo, Genoa and other cities recall the important role of the Ottontan navy which once dominated much of the Mediterranean. A rather plain-looking

army, the Janizaries.

set of pouring vessels inscribed in Arab "a gift for his excellency Abraham Lincoln" draws interest as a curio rather than for its artistic value.

Carpets, textiles and decorative metalwork complete the exhibits which make up merely a small frugment of the about 20,000 objects in the collection. It was assembled by Mr. Khalili, descen-dant of a wealthy Jewish family, after he left Iran in

1967 at age 22 to study at the University of London. Besides his widespread business engagements he is among the authors of a 26-volume survey of Islamic art based on his collection, believed to rank among the biggest of its

kind in the world.

At the opening of the Geneva show, which im-pressed him as "magically arranged," Mr. Khalili was asked how he managed to build up such a hoard of art in such a relatively short time. "It was a matter of heing at the right place at the right time," he answered with a

until Sept. 24. Further exhibitions from the Khalili collection are planned in cities throughout the world hut sites and dates have not yet been

The Geneva show runs

In conservative Gulf, sexes meet over mobile phones

By Habib Trabelsi Agence France Presse

DUBAI - Four young Emirati men, dressed in their traditional white press said. robes, sat down at the shopping mall hoping to cuted. pick up women.

But there's a twist. Instead of chatting to women at other tables, they take their mobile phones and start dialing: A woman who spurns them over the phone can't land them in jail as easily as one who makes a scene

"I make about 20 calls a day but I'm almost always rejected," said Maher, a government employee who spends less time in the office than on the road where he uses his mobile phone to try to pick up

Maher and his three friends are part of a growing number of young people in conservative Gulf Arab countries who are using the phone to meet the opposite sex. But the authorities are

fighting back. In Kuwait, the telephone company has cut off 4,288 subscribers since

the beginning of the year. after they were accused of 'using their mobile phones for immoral con-

versations," the Kuwaiii

It added that 1.698 of Cafe Renoir in a Dubai them would be prose-

Sadlan, a member of the committee of ulemas in

Under Islamic law those who act indecently toward women are punished by flogging, a year in prison and a fine." Sheikh Saleh said in an

Mobile phones also have snob appeal... "Without a mobile phone, you're nothing..."

growing.

Last year 3,192 cases of saucy telephone conversations were recorded in Kuwait, up from 1.374 in 1993, Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Ali Sabah said last month.

The minister said 537 of them were given prison sentences and tined between 200 and 800 dinars (between 600 and 2,400 dollars).

"It is illegal in Islam to violate a woman's privacy or make advances with your eyes, speech, or any other means like the telephone or fax." said Sheikh

Saleh Ben Ghanem as-

interview with the Saudi weekly Al-Muslimun. But as authorities clamp down, the husiness is

In the United Arab Emirates, 106,677 people have mobile phones and the state-run telecommunications firm Etisalat plans to provide 80,000 new lines, according to a company official.

Saudi Arabia meanwhile plans to add 300,000 new subscribers to its list of 200,000.

In Kuwait, the scanner started to appear widely. after the emirate was liberated from Iraqi occupation in February

phone," one Etisalat

advertising slogan de-

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Mobile phones also

"Having one shows you

have an important job,

said Jihane, a housewife

who picks up her phone

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she were making big busi-ness deals. Without a

mobile phone you're no-

High school teachers said

several of their students

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Mobile phones are now starting to yield to a new

craze for scanners, which

allow the user to eaves-

drop on erotic and other

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Some scanner fanatics are using intimate conversations they have recorded onto cassettes to blackmail husbands or You can be reached wives," the Sharq Alanywhere by mobile Awsat newsoaper said.

Rock stars find good vibes in battered Beirut

By Haitham Haddadin Reuter

BEIRUT - International pop stars are pouring into Beirut, a 'good vibes' city now hut unthinkable as a concert venue when it was the world's kidnap capital and a haven for triggerhappy militiamen a few vears ago. A dozen chart-topping

acts have played since May, nine of them in two concerts in the past two weekends.

And in a sign that the 1975-90 civil war is slipping into memory, a supersiar who witnessed the horrors first-hand will give show number 13.

Greek singer Demis Roussos, one of the passengers hijacked to the Lebanese capital on a TWA flight by militant Muslims in 1985, will perform between August 25 and 27 in three concerts, including one in the wardamaged Beirut city cen-

Beirut will be one of the higgest music cities. It will be happenin',' Michelle Everett, a highheeled dancer with the British pop group Haddaway, told Reuters after a high-decibel set by the group in mountains above

11:45 Murder in ¹⁶ Beirui earlier in August. "You get a very good vibe in Beirut, the crowd 12:30 Perfect Street

is brilliant. You don't get that in many places," the 24-year-old blonde added before taking to the stage again during sets by rock band Alphaville and British singers Jimmy Sum-merville and Marc Almnnd. "I dedicate this song to

Beirut. It's called 'Peace On Earth', Alphaville's German lead singer Mar-rion Gold hlared to the Generation X-ers who turned out in thousands at the August 5 'summerstorm' concert.

Tickets sold like hntcakes for a second show by five other hit performers or hands — Rednex. Culture Beat, Sonia. Yakida and Dr. Alban who also performed backto-back for nearly seven hours the following Fri-

Lebanese heavy metal music fans are in for a treat if metal demi-gods Iron Maiden come later this year, as rumour has it.

"Lebanon had a tragic history for 15 years but I feel it is getting better now," Mr. Gold told Reu-

"Many more bands should come and play Beirut to prove this is a place of peace," added Mr. Gold, who like Irish rock star Chris De Burgh, who played two sellout shows in Beirut last said Sheikh Osama Septemher, said he was not afraid to set foot in the Lebanese capital. Gold's countrymen

Heinrich Struehig and Thomas Kemptner and De Burgh's compatrion Brian Keenan were among westerners held hostage in Lehanon by Muslim militants. Most bands played on

the peace theme during the two shows. Pop group Culture Beat urged the crowd of young women in tight tops and jeans-clad young nien, many with basehall caps worn backwards, to raise their hands high in the peace sign.

Alphaville's thundering hit 'Peace On Earth' and other crowd-pleasers like 'Big In Japan' and 'Forever Young' — meta-morphused into a jam session with teenage girls swaying atop their boyfriends' shoulders.

Soldiers with submachineguns guarding the venue looked in bewilderment at spectators desperately trying to touch the tattooed singer as he disappeared in a cloud of smoke that engulfed the stage under blue and red lights and laser beams.

"There is nothing like music to help people forget the bloodshed and feuds of recent years."

Zahran, chairman of Beirut-hased Multimedia Distribution Company, when his firm contracted three international acts for a May 12 show.

Reggae singer Pato Banton, soul siren Rozalla and pop outfit Urban Cookie Collective played then to thousands of teenagers who danced the night away, after years of being confined to listening to favourite bands on private Beirut radio stations.

But not all singers who have flocked to the Mediterranean nation since its cycles of violence ended have crooned stress-free.

Mexico's Lucia Мепdez, one of the first stars to come after the war, defied a July 4, 1992, car bombing which killed three people at a soccer stadium in Jounieh Port, performing there at night to a sellout crowd of 10,000.

"I promise to tell the world that Beirut has peace," the dark-haired beauty, smiling but clearly shaken, said before adding: "Please understand I just came here to say hello, to sing my songs and to wish you peace and friendship."

Car bombs killed hundreds of Lebanese during

Marrion Gold, lead singer of the German rock group Alphaville, during a concert at a mountain near Beirut August 12. International pop and rock artists are pouring into the former kidnap capital of the world during the 80s but which they say is a 'good vibes' city now.

the war years. A few since last December.

Other European stars like Samantha Fox, Patrigroups and singers are still bombings have rocked cia Kaas and Cheb Khaled to follow suit as washing-

Beirut since but there have performed in Beirut ton maintains a ban on have been no disturbances since 1990, but U.S. travel to Lebanon im-

Scientists breed maggots for back-to- nature therapy

Randi Hutter Ep- ling field of maggot ther- one U.S. hospital. stein

The Associated Press

OXFORD — In a dank, fly-infested basement lab. David Rogers proudly displayed the fruit of his labours: A bite-size chunk of liver smothered with thousands of slimy, squirming maggots.

Enough maggots, Dr. Rogers estimated, to help heal the wounds of 10 patients — figuring 10 maggots per square centimetre of open sore.

Dr. Rogers, an Oxford University entomologist, is a pioneer in the fledg-

The notion is that maggots devour dead tissue and bacteria lurking in the wound but avoid healthy skin and muscle. In an age of increasing antibiotic resistance, the maggots may do a better job than medicine, proponents say.

'It's got global appeal. It's ludicrously costeffective and low-tech," said Dr. John Church, an orthopedic surgeon. He, along with Dr. Rogers and fellow entomologist Paul Embden, aim to launch maggot therapy here. It is already up and running in

"We just have to get past, what I call, the yuck factor," said Dr. Church. "It's this immediate reaction of disgust.

The Oxford team has a fertile family of flies, capable of producing hundreds of thousands of offspring every few weeks.

"We can produce phenomenal quantities, the biggest problem is over-Soduction. said E. Embden, swatting flies buzzing around the scientists and a visitor.

Now they just need the go-ahead from nurses. squeamish about changing

bug-ridden bandages, and hospital managers, antsy about condoning infested wards.

Dr. Church said he has treated one patient succ. sfully, but he would not reveal the patient's de-

For at least three centuries, observant doctors had noted that patients with maggot-infested wounds healed faster than those without fly eggs. said Dr. Church. But only recently have a few clinicians sought to bring nature's remedy to hospital

Dr. Ronald Sherman,

entomologist-turneddoctor at the University of California, Irvine, completed one of the first studies comparing maggots to

medicine. He has been breeding and treating patients at the Veterans Affairs Medical Centre in Long Beach for about five

The findings, based on 10 patients and published in the April issue of the Journal of Spinal Cord Medicine, indicated that the bugs could heal wounds that defied medicine. Patients got maggots after medicine failed. The maggots, said Dr. Sherman, shrunk the wounds least three batches of magby about 20 per cent to 25 per cent a week. All the patients healed completely within about a month. said Dr. Sherman.

Maggots thrive off dead meat and bacteria, and can "get into the nooks and crannies that antibiotics can't reach." Dr. Church explained.

Within about five days, maggots mature into pupa, a hardened cocoonlike stage in which the full-grown fly develops. Bandages must be changed before the flies fly away, said Dr. Church. Most patients require at Both Dr. Sherman's

and Dr. Church's teams breed green-bottle flies, a common housefly formally known as lucilia sericata. They suspect that other species are just as effective but caution that it is also possible that other types of maggots could invade healthy tissue.

In other words: Don't try this without medical

Besides treating patients, the scientists seek to unravel the mysteries of maggot's inherent antibacterial traits. Such findings may yield clues to design more effective antibiotics.

Sherman has a hunch the mechanism may be too complex to replicate. Then, again, if you have the real thing, why settle for an imitation?

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"As an entomologist," said Sherman, "I don't see why anybody wouldn't be just as happy with the maggot. But I'm sure if-we could come up with a different delivery system without live critters. it would be more acceptable to most people."

Angolan soldiers march home with new spectre of death

By Christopher McDougall

The Associated Press

SAURIMO. Angola — Dangerous ideas fly around an Angolan army campfire - sex with a virgin is a miracle cure. condoms cause impotence, girls can't get Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and a smelly root paste will clear it right up, anyway.

Soldiers relaxing with beers shout agreement unaware that they and. their comrades are likely to kill more of their compatriots in the coming years of peace than they did during 20 years of civil

While other nations are mobilising to combat the deadly virus, two decades of relentless fighting has turned Angola into "a lethally perfect petri dish for HIV. says Dr. Eben Moussi of the World - Health Organisation.

Combat killed 500.000 Angolians: the first years of peace may kill I million Dr. Moussi says. "Psychologically, physi-· cally, economically — Angola is not prepared for a disease that will hit with epidemic force.

Also at risk are more than 7.000 international troops and tens of thousands of aid workers from around the world who will soon be deployed across the Southern African nation under a U.N. reconstruction plan.

Soon-to-be demobilised government and UNITA

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By Joan D. Berbrich

greatest threat. According to the Centre for International and Strategic Stu- : list." dies (CISS), infection is so high among African soldiers that they run a far. greater risk of dying from

AIDS than from warfare. At least 65 per cent of army hospital beds in Uganda and Zaire are filled by soldiers with AIDS. More than half of Zimbabwe's soldiers are infected with HIV, the virus that causes the disease. according to the CISS

Dr. Moussi believes at least 100,000 Angolan government and rebel troops - half the fighting force — are HIV-positive. They are marching home to civilians so warweakened and vulnerable to disease that Dr. Moussi calls them "lambs for the slaughter.

The fighting that broke out on the eve of Angola's independence from Por-tugal in 1975 has demolished cities, bankrupted health care coffers and forced more than 80 per cent of Angola's civilians out of farms and villages and onto the coast.

Forced migration to overcrowded refugee camps, combined with a life expectancy of 45 years, has broken down sexual taboos that would Dr. Antonika Hembe.

"And when you warn shrug." Dr. Hembe says.

rebel troops pose the "Danger to them are are now five times as likemines, bandits, starvation. AIDS is at the end of the

Political urgency also is missing.

We show the government a map of Africa with flags marking AIDS hot zones - Angola is surrounded, but we can't convince them there's no WHO's Dr. escape, Moussi said.

Judging by the 10-20 per cent infection rate in neighbouring Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe, experts estimate at least 10 per cent of Angola's 10 million population already harbours the virus.

But with the country divided by war for 20 vears and laboratories in ruins, health workers have been unable to do any AIDS testing, even in the military, where the infection rate is believed to be highest.

Boys as young as 13 were drafted by the thousands into the armies and received sex educaon the march. Condoms and chastity were not prominent topics, says trainer Ana Filgueiras.

And the rape and prostitution that trailed comdisease were further aided by sexual myths specific to

Young Angolan girls to emigrate.

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ly to be infected as boys of

same age.
"And people believe these tribal healers who tout a noxious ointment they say will cure AIDS. which they call "war fatigue, "Ms. Filgueiras adds.

The rebels top medical officer, Dr. Anastasio Sikato, contacted government doctors two days after the peace treaty was signed in November to ask for help battling the spread of AIDS among his-

"I am more féarful for the boys' lives now than ever before," Dr. Sikato said by satellite phone from rebel headquar-

Transfusions for wounded rebels have been armto-arm, with no screening for HIV. Dr. Sikato said. Condoms are not standard-issue in the guerrillas' field packs.

The disease is not strictly a health issue. Because AIDS attacks the country's most productive tion from platoon mates members - men and women between 16 and 35 years old --- it will cut right to the heart of Ango-WHO AIDS-awareness la's effort to rebuild and feed the 2 million people battling famine.

Predictions by WHO's bat and helped spread the Dr. Moussi: More teenagers in AIDS wards than, in high school; half the

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Tofu discovery: It's good for the heart

By Daniel Q. Haney The Associated Press

BOSTON — A new study suggests that people with high cholesterol can bring it down if they replace some of the animal protein in their diets with tofu and other soy protein pro-

Most talk about the dos and don'ts of a hearthealthy diet focuses on fats. which can affect cholesterol in the blood-

With the latest work, attention is turning to pro-

The researchers theorised that a vegetable form of estrogen known to be present in soy protein directly lowers cholesterol, though exactly how isn't clear. Human estrogen was previously known to bring cholester-

Soy protein is a verv valuable asset to the diet." Dr. James W. Anderson said. "It's grossly underused by the American . On average, they are 47 public. Soy is widely available

as tofu, a spongy bland product, and in drinks, in meat substitutes that have and poultry. the consistency of hamflour that

can be used in baking. Dr. Anderson pub-lished his analysis in an issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. He said he received \$5.000 from Protein Technologies International, which

makes soy protein, to help pay for the work. He and colleagues from the Veterans Affairs Medical Centre in Lexington. KY.. combined the results of 38 comparison studies of soy protein in-volving 730 people. Indi-

vidually, the studies were too small to be conclusive. But put together, the benefits emerge clearly, the researchers say. In all of these studies. scientists partially substi-

tuted soy protein for some of the animal protein in the people's diets and looked at the effects on their cholesterol. The volunteers consumed the same kinds and amounts of fat and cholesterol. regardless of which type of protein they were getting.

grammesof soy protein a day in place of animal protein, which usually comes, from dairy products, meat

Overall, the volunteers' cholesterol levels fell 23

9 per cent, while eating soy protein. However, the effects were significant only for those who already had moderately elevated cholesterol of 259 or above. The biggest benefits were in people with cholesterol over 335.

Only LDL, the socalled bad cholesterol, fell during the soy diets. Levels of HDL, the form of cholesterol that protects against beart disease, did not change.

Dr. Anderson said he believes 20 milligrammes of soy protein a day, substituted for animal protein, could be enough to help those who need to lower their cholesterol.

Eight ounces of soy milk contain 4 to 10 grammes of soy protein: four ounces of tofu have 8 to 13 grammes; one ounce of soy flour has 10 to 13

Scientists have long known that substituting soy protein can lower cholesterol m lab animals. But the humah results have been sketchy.

Dr. Ronald Krauss of the University of California at Berkeley said the American Heart Associa-

milligrams per decilitre, or will take a hard look at soy protein when it rewrites its dietary recommendations.

"This is emerging as a potentially important feature of diet that we need to consider as we work up our next set of guide-lines," said Dr. Krauss, who heads the committee.

Dr. Anderson was also an early proponent of oat bran to lower cholesterol. The oat bran craze was punctured in 1990 by Dr. Frank Sacks of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He found that people who fill up on oatmeal have lower cholesterol only because they are too full to eat things that are bad for

Dr. Sacks was also sceptical of soy protein, but he said Dr. Anderson's latest work has changed his

For people with high cholesterol levels — m the high 200s, and above — it looks like they rant get a benefit, a he said. "For those in the mid-200s, it may turn out soy protein will have a very small effect. And for the 80 per cent of us in the average range, it probably will not

At top medical schools, women help restrain spread of the disease; said Angolan Public Health Director Help restrain spread of the disease; growing the disease; growing as farming as start outnumbering men girl can cure a man with a handed, fail; industries sexual transmitted dis- collapsing through lack of people about AIDS, they ease," says Ms. Filgueiras. managers; a wild scramble By Emily Tsao "It is a much more civil are older, Mr. Foster also

The Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — On an all-male dormitory floor at the Yale School of Medicirie, topless pictures of actress Demi Moore and model Kate Moss hang on a bulletin board beneath a diagram of the chemical structure for testosterone.

Testosterone Alley, the unofficial name given the floor, is one of the few places left at the school where first-year male medical students hold

For the first time in the school's 182-year history, women outnumber men among first-year students, making up 56 per cent of the class that entered in 1994. And Yale is not alone.

schools reported a majority of women in their firstyear class this academic year, including Harvard and Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, two other topranked institutions where it was also a first.

At both schools, women that dynamics were the made up 53 per cent of the first-year class. Medical school officials

are hard-pressed to explain the shift. Yale's admissions director, Lynne Wootton, said the school did not even notice until it tallied its final numbers.

At Harvard, an admissions officer ventured a

"Women seem to communicate better in the interview," said Gerald Foster. Associated Dean for Admissions. Because some female applicants much better it is. "he said.

said, "they bring some life experiences and maturity that adds to a class."

But with so many different factors — test scores. recommendations and interviews - influencing admissions decisions. officials at Yale, Harvard and Hopkins said it is difficult to pinpoint what is behind the numbers.

For the past three years, women have made up ab-out 42 per cent of the students applying to U.S. medical schools. They also represented 42 per cent of the new entrants last year.

Final figures for this fall's medical classes are not yet available. Hopkins has been admitting women since 1893. Yale since 1916, and Harvard since 1945.

Yale has had to make Eighteen of the United some changes to States' 126 medical accommodate the increase accommodate the increase in women: A coed locker room outside its anatomy lâbs had to be converted into a women's locker. But the gradual gender

shift has not created any big waves among students. Both men and women said same as in their undergraduate years. "It is hardly something I

notice now." said Lynda Kauls. 24. of St. Paul. Minn., a firşt-year student at Yale. Robert Gifford, an

associate dean at Yale, said it is necessary to take the long view to appreciate the changes. He said the medical school has shed its fraternity-house atmosphere over the past several decades and become a more gentle place.

"I can't tell you how

place to be."

Gone are the days when professors at medical schools would illustrate parts of the body with pictures of women in bikinis or playboy centreforlds — or in a case recalled at Yale, ask women to step outside a lab while an offcolour joke is told.

Professors are still telling jokes at the medical school, but they are a little more politically correct these days.

Whether it is a story about a monkey driving a bus or a naked man running down the street wearing only a condom, Yale Professor William Stewart begins each anatomy lecture with a joke.

Stewart said he has not changed his repertoire of jokes, but when he refers to a medical student in the joke, that student is no

longer always a male. The men may be learning to curb displays of chauvinism but the photos hanging in Testosterone Alley show some behaviour is not easily changed.

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Dear brothers and sisters, These are some of our visions and aspirations at this stage, and hopefully will continue to be the same. They have not come out of a void, and certainly did not come about without suffering, for we have faced so many challenges until we became a solid tree, admired by those who bode us well, and envied by hypocrites everywhere, I say this while I see the Jordanian model evolving into clear and sincere stances, unweavering resolve, a tolerant democracy, a balanced pluralism, and a clear awareness of the state of the nation which compels us all, in the spirit of the responsibility which we bear, to send a call across the nation, whenever we hear of a hungry child or a patient short of medicine, or a village without education, or whenever a free man suffers from the injustice of a prison and the oppression of

It is through this clear nationalistic vision that we wish for the nation to wake up to the reality of a world that has changed to the extent that it witnessed the rise of a historical movement that brought to surface contradictions of all sorts at the same ,wome: It is our duty towards our nation, now that we have

learnt about this new world all that we can learn, to be sincere in our advice and our opinions, as we have always heen sincere in affection and consultation, particularly since we bave given martyr after martyr in every corner of its vast land in pursuit of. justice, setting a model to the world at large as to the meaning of revolution and the.

Dear brothers and sisters. Much has been said about Iraq, which has and always will be our brotherly pation, whose peoples pain and sufforing will always be felt by me, a noble land nich with heritage and that has every right to take its place among

its nation and the rest of the world, the birthplace of human civilisations that ensiched the test of the world, a country, along with its people and armed forces, that has in our hearts and minds, here in Jordan, a very special place characterised by true brotherbood, which we both experienced over a long period of time, and a fraternity that was nurtured by bright pages of history from the time that "Hamima" represented the birth of the Abbasid era all the way until the time of the Great Arab Re-volt, which fought for free-dom, unity, cohesion, and progress wa time that the armies of the armies from which eternal baildes, from which were born our own Jordan Arab Army and its fellow Iraqi arqıy.

Both these armies fought our nation's eternal battles and gave martyrs, who waland and the land of the Arabs at large.

As for us, the house of the Prophet, the monuments of our martyrs dot the land of Iraq, and rise high, as do the banners of the Hashemites in every struggle towards freedom instice, and human

Such has been the history of the Hashemites since the days of the Imam Ali Ben Abi Taleb and his sons, Al Hassan and Al Hussein, and through to the time of King Faisal the Second and his family, whose blood was spilled from the same source. that of Karbala' to water the land of Iraq in defence of principles, right, and dignity.
As Iraq stood by Jordan, so did Jordan stand by Iraq in its darkest hours and days,

particularly on that day when we were surprised by its war with Iran. At that time we referred to And for 8 tong years, I need that problem with its

my nation - Jordan. Circumstances in the reigon and the homeland, as you well remember, were difficult and the future appeared

people, I spent as much time

to be bleak. And before anyone thinks that I have ambitions in Iraq let me assure everyone, as God is my witness, that my only ambition is witnessing Iraq coming out of blinding darkness; from its long night of suffering into a new dawn of freedom, which will remove all the causes of its suffering, both internal and

I say all this because it may cross someone's mind that I may be seeking the position which I once occupied on the day that my childhood com-

Second, son of King Ghazi, son of Paisal Bin Al Hussein. when I was his deputy and heir in presiding over the Arab union, which combined OUT TWO COUNTRIES.

Faisal the Second departed, when he was in his prime, a victim of the comsized conspiracies of enemy forces inside the Arab World and outside. His life was taken tragically when he was to the prime of his youth.

And I remember and remind (you), that I willingly accepted the will of God as concerns the martyrs of my family. For we the Hashemites seek nothing but God's blessings, so that we may continue to be able to per-form our duties in this earthly bie, after which we hope to meet our Maker along with the chosen few from His martyrs and servants.

We left it up to the Iraqi people to chart their own course and to live their own experience. And we wished that the different elements of its social fabric, be they Sunni or Shifte, Arab or Kurd, brought together by the Hashcrites would not be disentangled.

We prayed and continue to pray to the Almighty to protect its national unity and its sovereignty over its entire land, and to guide the continued unity of its people under a respectable and harmonious pluralism, where no single element of that social fabric would hegemonise the others, and where none of its rights would be' liminated, in an atmosphere of freedom, democracy, and

respect for buman rights. When the Iraq-Iran war ended, optimism reigned in terms of Iraq's ability to recover, prosper, and progress. We all hoped that it would become a factor of stability and development among its nation, and that the door of opportunity would be wide open, again, for its people to contribute towards the enrichment of the nation and human civilisation. We also wished for Iraq and its people to enjoy the fruits of progress. under a peace, which we have wished for the entire region, its people, and its future gen-

protein they werenounce, Our advice and wishes were presented to the Iraqi leadership in abundance, in positions towards the Arab and international communities were concerned.

We were always heartened to hear from that leadership, in different Arab summits, a categorical rejection of interference in other-countries' affairs, and a total committment to rejecting use of Arab weapons by any Arab country against another and that the smallest Arah country or Arab people enjoy the same rights as the largest, and that if one country attacks another, it would be the duty of the other countries to stop it, even to wage war against it

to halt the aggression. Iraq as its leadership de-We moved to different parts of the world to belp clared, even called on its Arah brothers to take that

mitting further deeds and issuing statements that conattacked another Arab countradicted our peaceful en-We were all comforted at deavours to serve Iraq and

that time by what we heard. the Arab Nation. The Iraqi attitude had negatively affected our crediand we continued in our march towards achieving harmony and cohesion throughbility at the Arab and interout our vast homeland. national levels.

And suddenly, we were Then the war broke out. struck by the lightening news The rockets and missiles the Iraqi attack on, and started flying through our airspace hitting civilian equent occupation of, targets in Israel and Arab cities. Have you ever heard from me this question which I now ask: Was Iraq really our sister Kuwait over a disnent between the two brotherly countries, This opeupation was commanded the same leadership that aware of the danger of firing made the aforementioned rockets through our airspace and the dangers that would ensue from Israel's reprisal, Paced by this shock we in lordan moved immediately with the consequences affecting the Kingdom, which to settle the matter in an Arab context, and to explore stood alone and besieged at

us to liberate Kuwait to en-

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In any case, fate deter-

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this advice was always true

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our concern for the interest

of our nation, its peoples, the

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the Gulf states. This ordeal

started since the first day of

the Iraqi occupation of

Jordan and we faced a war

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threats directed against us,

We endured that stage with

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We recruited all able bodied

men to carry arms and defend

the Kingdom and prevent any

attack on it from any source.

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all possible Arab avenues to the time? secure an immediate Iraqi Or was that action another thdrawal from Kuwait, and one of the numerous unthen try to settle the dispute realistic actions and behaviours which the Iraqis as between the two countries in eaceful, hrotherly way. well as all the Arabs had In the event of failure to do suffered from and continue to so, we would resort to every suffer until this moment? sible means available to It is for the first time that

you hear me asking this ques-tion. But the world had seen me seeking continuously and with all my power to end the sufferings of the dear Iraqi

This effort continued with the help of my Jordanian

Here I wonder, for the first time, and ask: Did the Iraqi authorities purposely contribute to spreading shadows and doubts over our integrity and our stand and over our keenness on safeguarding the Arab interests for all Arab states without discrimina-

We had never conspired against any Arab state in our lives. Had we been in a position with influence, with our views accepted by the world, Iraq and all the Arabs would have been alright now.

All these questions never occurred to me until the last days although I was haunted by suspicions over the information that reached us and reached the world at large pot with regard to the suffering of the Iraqi people as a result of the embargo, which they have been enduring with pride and perseverance, but rather also the suf-fering that resulted from the malpractices that deprived Iraqi citizens of the most basic human rights.

Dear brothers.

I would like here to refer to Lt.-Gen. Hussein Kamel and his family and say that they Kuwait followed by a land and maritime blockade on have contributed to removing the veil from our eyes so that we could see the real situation in Iraq and the pain and the sufferings. This family had encountered no less pain when its members decided to defect and leave behind the great position, the luxury and the easy life they had enjoyed in Iraq for a great relief ... for their conscience with regard to their people and the Iraqi

Hussein Kamel and bis family have arrived here in their uncle's home and they enjoy their care according to their own choice and en-

joying the protection of the Jordanian people. Hussein Kamel and his

> family enjoy care and hospitality in a country brotherly to Iraq, among people who love the Iraqis and Iraq, people who are pained over the lragi people's pain and suf-ferings, people who wish that the lragis will soon see the end of the dark tunnel and come out to witness a new

dawn. I have known this brother who chose to come to Jordan seeking security and safe haves. We have known that he had never been an agent to any party in this world. Jordan has no agents and does not welcome or give protection to agents or traitors.

Hussein Kamel came to Jordan to tell me about his decision as soon as be arrived, asking that I accept him to live here because he knows how the Iraqis have been living here in my heart and my conscience and in the heart of Jordan, which throbs with love for the Iraqi people and the Arabs at large.

He is an Arab and true Iraqi youth who had sncceeded in gathering around him a team considered the elite of the Iraqi people known for their efficiency, and they worked together to complete the construction of their country and their armed forces and to meet the country's needs in its long war with the Islamic brotherly country of Iran. That war was partly caused by the dispute over Shatt Al Arab which the Iraqi leadership itself had ceded and stopped demanding sovereignty over it in accordance with the Algiers agreement between Iraq and Iran when this leadership accepted Al Thalouj as the border line with Iran. This war had caused a stream of blood to flow on both sides for eight years. It is the same leadership that after the end of the war with Kuwait that again accepted the Thaloui

line as a border. Perhaps, out of all the bloodshed, we now witness the demarcation of the Iraqi-Iranian borders and the Iraqi-Kuwaiti borders and we see Iraq recognising Kuwait before the whole world and declaring its commitment and its respect for that country.

Hussein Kamel supervised publican Guards and the Special Guards of the Iraqi army. He succeeded in serious tasks for the reconstruction of the infrastructure of Iraq's institutions and succeeded in reactivating and operating them in the aftermath of the Gulf war disaster.

The last few years were indeed bard and full of tragedies and challenges. I was shocked once again recently to hear news that Hussein Kamel in our first

had been confirmed to me by meeting when he disclosed to me about Iraq's intentions to mass troops against brotherly Kuwait for another occupation had there not been a prompt Arab and international response against these

ern neighbour.

said the exercises were going

The manoeuvres, Brig.

Saraireh said, aim at "prom-

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between Jordan and the U.S.

and upgrading the skills of Jordanian soldiers in desert

and we are learning from them," said Col. Blose, de-

scribing Jordanian soldiers

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According to Col. Blose.

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well and on schedule.

There were plans that were debated just days before he sought refuge in Jordan. The debate took place at the highest level in Iraq in preparation for an attack on Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

It is enough to say that the mere thought of such action and the probability of its execution constitutes a horrible catastrophe for the Arah Nation, which has not dressed its bleeding wound. This ac-tion would bring about a catastrophe, with the destruction of the remainder of the Iraqi army and its Republican Guards and was bound to expose Iraq, God forbid, to disintegration and loss and the uprooting of the eastern gate of the Arab Nation.

With all pain and grief and sadness I hereby delcare and warn that the major and influential world powers would continue relentlessly to uncover all Iraqi programmes to make weapons of mass destruction - nuclear, chemical, biological - and their means of delivery. I warn that these powers will not lift the embargo on Iraq until all these weapons have been destroyed. These powers will continue to pursue their efforts to see Iraq im plementing all U.N. Security Council resolutions, foremost of which is the complete disclosure about the missing

Knwaitis in Iraq. This is what we have long sought to disclose and also the decisions related with human rights in Iraq. All these facts and the suf-

fering were the reasons for the departure of Hussein Kamel and his family from their country to another part of their big homeland. This was after be spoke there and tried to bring reform in every field open to him until he was frustrated by desparation and convinced that he will not succeed in his efforts. He had come to our country and spoke to you and to the Iraqis and the world from my home. which is also his bome, and from my country, which is his, to reply to the charges directed against him. He talked on behalf of millions of Iragis and to millions of Iragis from Jordan, the haven of the oppressed who are seeking liberty, as it was through bistory. In bis position of responsibility, he was from attacking his people in his country and voluntarily chose to leave, accepting to take all consequences and refusing to enjoy what the majority of the Iraqi people are deprived of, seeking to save his country and protect its unity and right to life. Dear Brothers,

These are the facts which shrouded the recent developments in brotherly Iraq and the tragic suffering of its people. And as I am used to, I had to inform you and the rest of the Arab peoples some of these facts.

Regarding the talk that Jordan might close its bor-ders with Iraq or block food and medicine supplies to its people, this is something that us...

has never crossed our minds because we are with the people of Iraq with all our might until its long suffering ends. Regarding our search for a substitute source or sources of oil we are importing from Iraq in payments of more than \$1.1 billion in debts (thus far as I was informed recently), we are only lookmg for precautionary substitutes out of our duties towards our people in facing any extraordinary situation

that might, at any time, halt

oil supplies from Iraq tem-

The answer to the talk that some party in the world is practising pressure on us in any issue, as it is known, we have proved during our march and before the whole world that we do not submit to pressures, no matter how severe our suffering is, and that we only follow our convictions and the guidance of . our living conscience, thank God, knowing that our heads will never bow down but for the Almighty. It is a source of relief for us to have this small country becoming big with its people; and the support we receive from the (countries of the) world will be met with gratitude and appreciation.

Concerning rumours that we have fears of an imminent Iragi attack on 'Jordan, Al Hussein, who was honoured to be the first Jordanian volunteer to join the Yarmouk Force rushing to Iraq's aid, knows, along with the whole Jordanian people and army, that the love and devotion he has to his nation, country and brotherly Iraq will make the Iraqi army, which descends from the Great Arab Revolt army, supportive of it (Jordan) against any one trying to nndermine the eternal (brotherly ties).

My dear family, The keenness to present facts before all and the keenness to safeguard the interests of Iraq and the whole Arabs is the reason for these frank, hrief words which I wanted to have as a call which will reach.,. the hrotherly Iraqi people and army which offered many sacrifices for its nation. I am confident that Almighty the God is with the payde of Iraq, and that we and our nation are with it, as are all the people with a living conhuman rights, freedom, and democracy. May God protect Iraq from every evil and help it regain the state of security and peace, to continue construction and to lead an bonourable life and take its suitable status in the ranks of its nation, in order to bave Iraq as a proponent of conciliation, solidarity, cooperation and tolerance...

These are the features of our perspective of the situation and the future of the nation. When we present facts in such clarity, we only express the right of our people and the nation to be aware of developments and to enable them to take a stand satisfactory to all of

Scholars see misguided concepts of Islam

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amination, reformation and revitalisation. Like the reformation in the West, it is a process not only of intellectual ferment and religious dehate hut also of religious and political unrest, violence and revolution."

But Mr. Esposito warned that emphasis on "Islamic fundamentalism" as a global threat had reinforced a tendency to equate violence with Islam.

"The risk today is that exaggerated fears will lead to a double standard in the promotion of democracy and hu-man rights in the Muslim World," be said, citing Westem concern and action for democratising the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe but "muted or ineffective response with regard to the promotion of democracy in the Middle East or the defence of Mus-lims in Bosnia-Herzegovina."

Yvonne Haddad, professor of Islamic history at the University of Massachussetts. argued that pluralism in Islamic understanding is not a Western invention, but is the essence of Islam "as revealed in the Koran and practised by the Prophet Mohammad and advocated hy the rightly guided caliphs."

"It is clear that the debate within Islamist circles concerning pluralism is engaged and will go on for some time," said Ms. Haddad. "Critics and observers wonder which will prevail as final truth if an Islamic system is whether the West in general and the U.S. in particular can tolerate Islam and Islamic choices in their definition of what is meant by pluralism. Can the American government. the advocate of pluralism, they ask, really learn to celebrate the differences inherent in the Islamist vision m the world?"

The Crown Prince, in his meeting with the scholars, voiced hope that the work-sbop would achieve "the establishment of facts - and only facts - regarding the history of Muslim perceptions of Christianity, and

Christian perceptions of U.N. opens up big guns on Serbs

(Continued from page 1) showed what Washington said were mass graves after the "safe area" fell in July. It also lists accusations against the Serbs including summary execution, rape, shelling of fleeing civilians and beatings.

The renewed fighting around former Yogoslavia and evidence of buman rights violation underscored the urgency of getting a U.S. peace initiative launched this month moving again.

Top U.S. security officials, striving to keep momentum after the deaths of three U.S. envoys, were discussing names for new negotiators and preparing for talks with other major power.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher, National Security Adviser Anthony Lake instituted... but at the same | and Defence Secretary Wiltime, Islamists question | liam Perry met on Tuesday

Islam, at different periods in developing what I have appealed for on so many occasions - understanding, comprehension."

"The participants in this. exercise are not present here by virtue of being Muslims. Christians, or Jews, but in their individual capacities as scholars seeking exchange and refinement of knowledge," he said, The conference, which

started on Monday, is being held at Forte Grand Hotel. It is organised by the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith studies, which was established last year.

along with mediating team leaders Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke and

Lieutenant-General Westey Clark. The White House had no Immediate word on wbo would replace the diplomats, Rohert Frasnre, Joseph Kruzel and Nelson Drew, who were killed on Saturday iń a road accident.

The peace mission had been touring the capitals of Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia to present the American plan. Washington has said that there was a window of opportunity to end the three-year

war among Muslims, Croats

overall conflict in the north-

ern Balkans. "The tone of the meeting was sombre, but they are determined to keep (the U.S. peace initiative) going, White House spokeswoman Mary Ellen Glynn said.

achieve that goal, only to hear the Iraqi brothers com-Israel says 'masterminds' held

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called Mohammad Dif. who was aircady wanted for the killing of three Israelis, the Shin Beth chief said. Automatie weapons and

explosives have been found on the premises, he added. They were among 30 Palestinians arrested in the same investigation.
The Shin Beth said they

recruited Sufian Salem Al Jabarin, 26, from Al Zahiriyah, south of Hebron, who blew up the bus in Jerusalem. And they found Lahih Anwar Fares Azzam, 22, from Qarate village near Nablus, who committed suicide on a bus in the Tel Aviv suburb of Ramat Gan

on July 24 killing six Israelis. The alleged masterminds also planned a carbombing and the kidnapping of an Israeli soldier to try to swap him for Hamas prisoners, but neither operation took place.

The announcement came after Prime Miniter Yitzhak Rabin accused Syria of complicity in the wave of bombings by harbouring the Mus-lim fundamentalist leaders behind the attacks.

'Instructions for the bombings are given mainly from Damascus where the head of Islamic Jihad, (Fathi) Shakaki, has lived since we expelled him from Jerusalem and Serbs in Bosnia and the in 1985." Mr. Rabin told reporters.

Two Islamic Jihad suicide bombers carried out the sixth blast killing 21 people last Jan. 22. "A Hamas leader, a certain sheikh is also in Damas-

cus. We expelled him in 1982-

1983," the prime minister told reporters. "He has become the spiritual guide of the engineer Yahya Ayyash and perhaps even more.

Mr. Rabin did not name the sheikh but said he frequently changes address in Israeli radio reported that Mr. Ayyash is now hiding in

disguise under a different name in the autonomous Gaza Strip. Israel lifted at dawn Wednesday a ban on Gazan workers entering the Jewish state, which had been im-posed immediately after

Monday's blast, the army But the West Bank was to remain sealed off until at least dawn Thursday. Security officials said they had a tip that Hamas was planning another suicide

bombing from the West Bank. The closure prevents more than 15,000 West Bankers with work permits from reaching their jobs inside

Israci. Israel only lifted a 10-day closure on the Gaza Strip on Sunday.

war over Kuwait. about 200 That closure had been imother Gulf war soldiers are posed after reports that among the 1.970-strong Hamas was plotting to hlow Marine force taking part in up a car in the centre of Tel the exercise. "Others are Aviv. Three Hamas suspects generally youngsters," he surrendered to Palestinian police on Friday after a sixhour siege of their hideout in Jordanian officers said about I.000 soldiers from the Gaza City.

Mr. Rabin also said Wednesday military groups sought to topple his govern-ment through suicide bomb-

Military exercises draw to a close (Continued from page 1)

President Bill Clinton in an American Marine unit had unmistakahle message to Iraq docked at Aqaba three days that Washington intended to earlier and started moving live up to its pledge to defend equipment. the Kingdom against any potential threat from its east-The joint assault on an

enemy position that hegan early Wednesday is the last of Both Jordanian and Amerthe various stages of exercises, which also involved ican officers, jointly commanding "Operation Infinite Moonlight" in the middle of training in logistical skills such as setting up bases, loadthe desert some 100 ing, unloading and installing equipment and offering supkilometres southeast of Amman — abour 20 kilometres port services. east of Qatrana on the main Amman-Aqaba highway —

By midmorning Wednesday, the joint force bad moved seven kilometres into the desert after a vanguard U.S. Marine unit "secured" a hilltop and deployed in

battle-ready positions.

Corporal Tommy Carper,
24, of Texarkana, Texas, lay sprawled on bis stomach.

agine anyone staying for more than 10 minutes in that position, with both elbows firm on the ground, propping up the gun and eyes glued to the gunsights. The terrain "is a little different" from that the Marine unit is used to in the California desert, said Cpl. Carper, happily taking a few minutes off from his vigil to talk to the

with an M-16 at the ready and

keeping an alert eye dow-nbill. It was difficult to im-

Jordan Times. But "we are getting along okay," said Cpl. Carper, who had been holding that position for two hours and expected to remain there "for a while" before moving ahead for the "final phase" of the manoeuvres. "We take it day hy day."

Ekeus.

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But, he said, the speed with which his commission will proceed will depend on continued Iraqi openness towards the U.N.

The U.N. official said Iraq had none but itself to hlame for the continuation of the sanctions, saying that its previous policy of concealing in-formation from the U.N. was responsible for the delay in implementing the Gulf war ceasefire resolutions and lift-

ing the sanctions.
Mr. Ekeus said be might-go after the four ships of the back to Iraq in September or

October because the U.N. commission will have to present its hi-annual report on the results of its mission to the Security Council on Oct.

The report will be "very significant," be said.

"We are more hopeful for the process" in light of Iraq's new policy of full cooperation, with the U.N., Mr. Ekeus told reporters.

Mr. Ekeus earlier met with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Abdul Raouf Rawabdeh and briefed him on the outcome of his; visit to Iraq.

Income tax reductions to benefit employees and businesses

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

liamentary commitree bas agreed significant reductions in income tax payable by individuals, banks and business establishments in a move that is expected to benefit the average wage-earner in the country, particularly civil ser-

According to amendments approved by the Finance Committee of the Lower House of Parliament, taxable individual income will be limited to 30 per cent of earnings after exemptions as opposed to the present 50 per

Industries and mining companies, hotels and hospitals will pay a flat rate of 15 per cent of their income instead of 30 per cent, and commercial banks and companies will pay 35 per cent instead of 50 per cent, according to Hashem Dabbas, who chairs the Finance Committee of

In the case of commercial banks and companies, the government had sought to reduce the tax to 30 per cent, but the committee decided that it should be 35 per cent, .Mr. Dabbas said.

Civil servants stand to benefit mostly from the reductions since their share of income tax will come down to a total of JD 600,000 per month instead of JD 4 million as a result of expanded exemptions available to them.

The amount of tax paid by landfords on real estate will be exempted from income

The total number of slabs for purposes of income tax based on certain minimum and maximum income brackets was slashed to six instead of eight.

On the surface, the reductions effectively meant that an average family of six with an annual income of JD 6,000 will not be paying any tax at

The private sector has been lobbying Parliament to raise the effective amount exempted from income tax to a minimum of JD 7,200. It was not immediately known how the exemptions would work out and whether the actual exemption -- rent, child support, education etc. - would cover the amount the private sector sought.

The committee agreed to these amendments in a meeting it beld with Finance Minister Basel Jardaneh and ministry of officials late Tues-

Mr. Dabbas, a former minister of telecommunications and chief of the Audit Bureau, was quoted as saving in the local press that the government's agreement to the reductions was coupled with the committee's agreement to increase the general sales tax to 10 per cent from the present seven per cent.
According to information

available to the committee, the government stood to suffer up to JD 45 million a year in lost revenues because of the reductions in income tax. but the finance minister told the committee that the estimated loss was around JD 65

As a result, Mr. Dabbas was quoted as saying, the committee sought a detailed study from the Ministry of Finance that outlines the actual impact of the tax reductions on government revenue. The committee will review that report and consider its position.

The reductions in income tax and the increase in sales tax came in the form of amendments that the government had submitted to Parliament as a part of its move to alleviate the income tax bur-

den on the people.

It was not immediately clear how the proposed three per cent increase in the general sales tax would balance itself with the reductions in income tax.

Parliament members have been insisting that their agreement to raise the general sales tax to 10 per cent as proposed by the government was contingent on reductions in income tax that would benefit the people to offset the hike.

The amendments to the sales tax and income tax laws are part of a series of economy-related legislation that the government has presented to Parliament. Other draft legislation. either aiready in Parliament or with the government, include a new companies law and an investment promotion law that favours investors through high incentives,

Production increases seen from cuts in military spending

WASHINGTON (AP) -Cuts in military spending could bring an increase of up to 50 per cent in peacetime production, with the greatest benefits in eastern Europe and the Middle East, a study by the International Monet-

ary Fund (IMF) predicts.

"The peace dividend from military spending cuts is likely to be very substantial over the longer term," according to a detailed analysis by fund économists.

Although income and jobs may suffer in the short term from military reductions, production is likely to increase in the long-run, the report concluded. It was prepared by a team led by Malcolm Knight, deputy director of the fund's Middle Eastern Department.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve (Fed)

passed up a chance Tuesday

to lower interest rates for a

second time this year amid

signs that the American eco-

nomy is pulling out of its

After meeting for more

than three hours behind

closed doors, the central

bank issued a brief statement

signalling that it bad made no

change in short-term interest

rates. The federal funds rate,

the interest that banks charge

each other, remained at 5.75

The action came at meet-

ing of the Federal Open Mar-

ker Committee, the group of

Fed board members and re-

gional bank presidents who

meet eight times a year to set

At the panel's last meeting

July 6, the Fed cut the funds

rate for the first time in near-

ly three years. The small,

quarter-point reduction from

six per cent sparked a big

rally on Wall Street as inves-

tors believed the central bank

would ride to the rescue of

However, since that time

the economy has shown signs

of reviving on its own. For that reason, it had been wide-

ly expected that the central

bank would make no change

in August, preferring to see

Because of the economy's

new-found strength, econom-

ists who had once believed that rates would be trimmed

three or more times this year.

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the faltering economy with a

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per cent.

Gains could reach 50 per cent in eastern Europe, 46 per cent in the Mideast, 40 per cent in North Africa, 30 per cent in Asia and 10 per cent sub-Saharan Africa, the report said.

It did not say how long it would take to achieve such results. It projects the benefits will occur after military spending reaches the level of Latin America, where by the late 1980s governments were spending an average of only 1.9 per cent of national income on the military.

Under communist rule, the Soviet Union and its satellites spent large proportions of their incomes on the military. Those proportions are now much reduced. Poland, for example, spent \$18 billion in 1983. A decade later spend-

Federal Reserve keeps U.S.

interest rates steady for now

only one more small rate

reduction of a quarter point, leaving the funds rate at 5.5

per cent at the end of this

That would be a dis-

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business and consumer bor-

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they would get more rare

relief on home-equity and

other loans tied to commer-

cial banks' prime lending

has at least one more easing

to go," said Bruce Steinberg,

economist at Merrill Lyncb in

New York, predicting that

the cut could come as early as

Critics complained that

Federal Reserve Chairman

Alan Greenspan and his col-

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high last year in fighting a

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an opportunity to achieve higher growth," said Michael

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ing had dropped to \$4.3 billion, according to the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

In the wealthier industrial countries, which include the United States, the report predicted that production capacity could eventually be 20 per cent higher. It did not include projections for individual countries.

Though the study is not a statement of IMF policy, its conclusions are likely to be reflected in policies that the fund presses on borrower countries in financial trouble. "If national governments

are to be convinced that it is -to their economic advantage to stockpile fewer guns... they need to be presented with robust quantified; esti-

cut in interest rates would

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publicly fretted about a possi-

ble recession in June, by late

July he was telling Congress

the economy had passed the

point of "maximum risk" of a

Martin Regalia, chief eco-nomist of the U.S. Chamber

of Commerce, said he

wouldn't be surprised if the

Fed stays on the sideline for

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come back and reverse policy

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political problem for Mr. Greenspan, who is seeking

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Mr. Greenspan's term as

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By Glasbergen

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mates of the costs that military spending imposes on the economic welfare of their citizens," it said, "and to have convincing evidence of the improvements in living standards that can result over the long run from military spending cuts. "Such a quantification is attempted in

this paper.' The projections were made by the use of mathematical models, taking into consideration such matters as how much of countries' incomes is invested in new plants and equipment, the rate of population growth and restrictions on trade in the various regions.

The study said that in the short run increases in military spending, like increases in other government spending,

suggested that governments have to increase either taxes or borrowing to pay for greater military spending, and that borrowing from banks often leads to greater infla-

are not available to industry.

borrowing or taxes.

Research and development may concentrate on military uses at the expense of other industry, they noted, while trade is distorted by preferences for particular firms and industries, and people drafted for military service

When governments switch to a peacetime economy, the money they save with reduced military budgets can be used for other purposes, sucb as bealth or education. It could also be used to reduce

Algerian minister says

ALGIERS (AFP) — Some tors, will bring in the 30 per 1,260 public companies will soon be for sale to Algerian investors under a privatisation law passed last month as part of the move to a market

The Algerian press re-ported statement by the Industrial Restructuring Minister Mourad Benachenhou, wbo said 1,200 small businesses and 50 to 60 large companies would be privatised in the push to revitalise the war-torn economy.

The tourism sector, where botels bave already been privatised, will be one sector greatly affected by the changes. Textiles, the leather industry, construction and transport will also be affected, be said.

The government bopes the offer, open to Algerian inves-

cent of the money currently in circulation outside the banking system.

Investors will have to pay cash, said the minister. There will be no facilities for installment payments or hire purchase," be said.

A law concerning free competition, also passed a few months ago, came into effect Tuesday. The state has aiready lifted all subsidies on essential products, led to steep price rises for bread. coffee, sugar, milk and dry vegetables,

Trade unionists joined government officials as well as public and private sector bosses to study the new laws. But they recently announced their "total rejection" of the privatisation of pubbc enter-

JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Arginion

> Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as sug-gested by the above cartoon.

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1,260 public companies to be privatised

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THE Daily Crossword by Wilson McBeath

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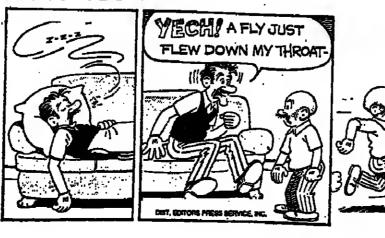


"You think that I'm childish and

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Mutt'n'Jeff







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FORECAST FOR THURS-DAY, AUGUST 24, 1995

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter & Foundation ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Take time for mediation early in

the day and adopt the right philosophy for the future. Make this a worthwhile day to catch up on last minute tasks. TAURUS: (April 20 10 May 20)

Study your relationship with friends and know where they fit best in your future plans. Catch up on your best rest today for a new work week. GEMINI: (May 21 10 June 21)

Seek the company of influential persons who can be helpful in furthering your career. Devote the evening to your loved ones. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Plan how to advance with the assistance of important and clever individuals you know. Strive for happiness with your

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) A good time to make plans which could give you more abundance in the days ahead. Doo't be taken in by doubtful persons who you are oot sure of.

VIRGO: (August 22 10 September 22) Plan how to gain more benefits from relationships you now have. Forget that easy chair and be more active and bappy by doing some exercising. doing some exercising. LIBRA: (September 23 to Octo-

ber 22) A good day to come to a better understanding with family members. Plan how to show gratitude and increase barmooy with family and friends. SCORPIO: (October 23 ro November 21) Arrange to be with friends you truly like for the

recreation you desire. Plan the week ahead so that it becomes more productive with any pro-SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Make plans to

improvel your status in your line of endeavour. Take your loved to charming places in the evening you both will enjoy. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) This is a good day to study whatever is spiritual and

ducational. Visit friends and relatives and express happiness with being around them. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Study new methods and ideas which can bring you greater income in the future. Make needed repairs to your property which have been neg-

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Make the right arrangements for gaining personal aims. The evening is best for being with persons you enjoy the company

Birthstone of August: Peridot - Golden Quartz

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, AU-

ger, Carroll Righter Foundation ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) A good day to concentrate on the ideas which keep you from off the beaten path. Steer clear of

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrolo

woes. Try not to argue with TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Be more thoughtful of those around you and this can become a more pleasant day for you and

those you are associated with. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Take no risks where higher-ups are concerned. You feel there is much which can be accomplished in the outside world. Drive with

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) You want to make new plans but be sure you have all the information you need before doing so or there could be prob-

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) This is a good day to analysed where you stand financially, so concenirale on the practical. Don't make unwise remarks where your male is concerned. VIRGO: (August 22 to Septem ber 22) Give an associate a help-

cause you a little inconvenience... Don't make a big deal of something unpleasant. LIBRA: (September 23 10 October 22) You need to get more order into your environment; stop procrastinating about this.
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ing hand even though it may

some associate. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) You may find it difficult 10 ravel out recreational plans for the evening, but be persistent. Show your male you're truly devoted.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Take time to placate a disturbed member of your family and show you are devoted. Do some necessary shopping for your loved ones. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Care in driving is most important today when

others are apt to be quite reckless. Don't cirticise a friend. Control your temper. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) If you spend lavish-ly today, you can soon regret it.

Get your property improved and increase its value. Don't get taken in by profiteers. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Be more objective and you can get along much better when dealing with others. Stop feeling sorry for yourself. Update your wardrobe.

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> A review of economic news from the Arabic press

Nabulsi sees reserves at \$600 million by year-end

CENTRAL BANK of Jurdan (CBJ) Governor Mohammad Nabulsi expects foreign exchange reserves to return to the \$500 million level by the end of September and to continue rising to \$600 million by the end of the year. He said that foreign exchange reserves dipped by about \$150 million in the first half of this year but the decline was less severe than during the first half of 1944 when the reserves dropped from \$600 million to \$300 million before climbing back to over \$500 million. The governur said the \$600 million level, agreed with the International Monetary Fund, was internationally recognised as a safe level enough to suffice a country's imports for two months (A) Aswaq).

THE COUNCIL of Ministers has approved amendments to the fees on cigarette, tobacco and snuff factories. The fee on first class tobacco plant become JD 112 and on second class JD 106. The fees on snuff plants become JD 27 for first class and JD 21 for second class. Also amended were the fees for alcoholic beverages plants and selling outlets. Factories producing beer and other alcoholic drinks have to pay JD 32 whereas the fee for first class restaurants serving alcoholic drinks was set at JD 37. Fees for selling beer only at any place range from JD 15 for a first class "place" to JD 7 for a third class 'place" (AI

ERS Of touristic hotels in Wadi Musa have sent a memorandum to the minister of tourism complain: ing of private homes offering lodging to tourists at rates not exceeding one dinar per person. They said these private homes are more than the number of hotels in Wadi Musa. The memorandum explained that tourists were being lured by lower charges from the front of their hotels by private cars which take them to the private homes

⇒ ↑ THE TOURISM Investment Department at the Social Security Corporation is offering the Karak Resthouse for lease against an annual charge. Offers will only be accepted from tourism companies or specialised hotel institutions (Al Ra'i)

☆☆ THE INDUSTRIAL Estates Corporation has decided to exempt the investors at the estates from a five per cent increase on the rent of plants and land for the years 1996 and 1997 (Al Dustour).

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

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ANNOUNCEMENT THE CENTRAL BANK OF JORDAN

The Central Bank of Jordan announces that, in conformity with the law of the Central Bank and the bylaw of the Issuance of Jordanian Currency No .(11) year 1995, a modified JD1 bank note will be put in circulation as from Saturday Aug. 26,1995.

The specifications of the new note are completely the same as the note currently in circulation, except for the following modifications:-The phrase "The Hashemile Kingdom of Jordan"

in Arabic has been added to the front of the

The phrase "The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan" in English has been added to the back. The dates (both the Hejira and Gregorian) in

Arabic has been placed to the right of the dates in English on the back of the note.

The modified note will circulate alongside the existing note and both shall remain in circulation as legal tender.





U.S. computer shops offer midnight snacks to early-bird 'Windows' customers

- Dozens of computer shops in America are staying open late Wednesday night, serving midnight snacks to those anxious enough to be among the first to buy Windows 95, Microsoft's new computer software programme.
Office Depot stores, many

of which plan to stay open until 2 a.m. Thursday, will be offering cuffee and dough-

Computer City stures. which have taken out fullpage newspaper ads, are offering \$90 worth of lungdistance telephone calls to customers having the \$89.95 Windows' programme. Staples, which describes it-

self as the office superstore, is offering hundreds of discount coupons for related computer wares as part of an unprecedented worlwide advertising hlitz, initiated by Microsoft, hut then picked up hy other computer firms eager to latch on to the expected industry sales boom.

Microsoft is estimated to be spending more than \$200 million to promote sales, including a half-hour advertising spot twu days running on U.S. television.

Its more unusual prumotional gimmicks include huying Thursday's British edition of the Times newspaper for free distribution across the country and paying Rolling Stones songwriters Mick Jagger and Reith Richards for the use uf one uf their songs as part of the advertising campaign.

At the Computer City store in Rockville, near Washington, the sales' staff was going "really erazy" pre-paring for the launch, said eustomer service manager

trained to use the new softwate and has been briefed by a Microsoft representative. The store will also broadcast a live satellite-relayed speech on Thursday by Microsoft boss Bill Gates, Ms. Souder

Mr. Gates, Microsoft's multi-millionaire founder, for his part was throwing a party for several thousand people at his headquarters on the outskirts of Seattle, on the U.S. west coast.

"I've never seen anything to compare to it" by way of an advertising campaign, said Dale Ledbetter, a marketing expert with Meridian Capital Markets in Fort Lauderdale. Florida.

"Everybody I know is going out to buy it," he said, adding that radio stations in Florida were running nonstop computer ads.

"Microsoft is getting billions of dollars' worth of free advertising from other computer husinesses playing up the faunch, he added.

The Wall Street Journal Wednesday published a fullpage ad by Compaq, the U.S. computer manufacturer, "congratulating" Microsoft on the launch of Windows 95, a software programme whose sale had to be put off by a year because of technical trouble.

The first recorded customer was a 19-year-old New Zealand business student who was served just after midnight in New Zealand. Jonathan Prentice paid 200

New Zealand dollars (\$130) for the programme in Auckland. Only the looely Chatham Islands and the Kingdom of Tonga started Thursday earlier. But in Hong Kong shops

have been selling pirated ver-All the staff has been siuns of Windows for months,

Petra Travel & Tourism Company becomes Carlson Wagonlit Travel representative

MINNEAPOLIS (Special) - Carlson Wagonlit Travel and Jordan's Petra Travel & Tourism Co. have announced the formation of a strategic partnership in the Jordanian matket. Jordan based Petra Travel & Tourism Co., is one of the main travel agencies in Jordan. It has (70) employees with (4) branches in Jordan and was founded in 1965 by Mr. Nasser

The association with Carlson Wagonlit Travel will ensure that clients of Petra Travel & Tourism Co. get the best service available.

Carlson Wagonlit Travel is one of the world's largest travel agencies, backed by a \$12 billion network with more than 4,000 locations in 125 countries. according to Microsoft Corp Wednesday defended lawyers.

Meanwhile, Microsoft competitors are not taking it lving down
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has also taken out full-page ads, citing the names of hundreds of its clients, and explaining that not everyone has been waiting for Windows 95.

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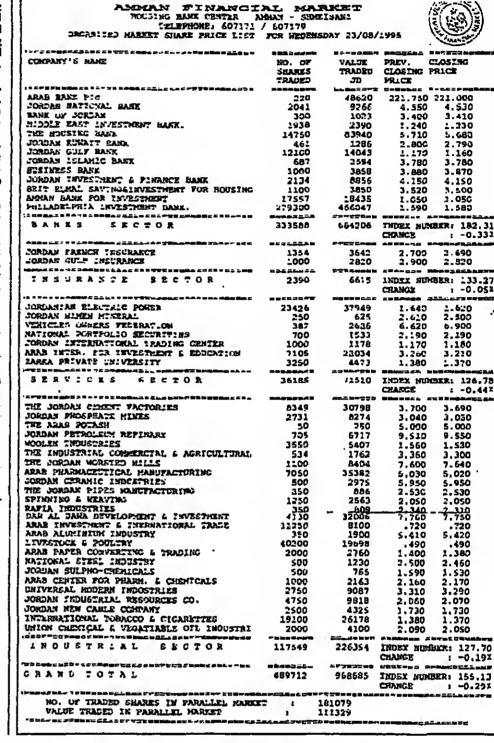
charge European users more than double U.S. prices for

as unavoidable a decision to use of its new global micro-soft network (MSN) service.

But it accepted that such pricing, which makes it dearer than some rival networks here, could mean it misses out on a hard core of Europeans already using the inter-

"You can't be all things to all people. We are aiming this at the early majority, not the early adopters." Judy Gib-bons, director of MSN for Microsoft U.K. told Reuters in an interview.

That "early majority," Microsoft hopes, will include home users and small businesses that are tempted to try Microsoft network.



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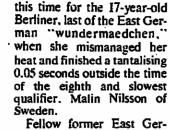
European Swimming Championships

Van Almsick stumbles in 200m

VIENNA (Agencies) --- German golden girl Franziska Van Almsick stumbled on Wednesday in an uncanny repeat of a past world championship fiasco but this time there was no fairytale solu-

tion to her woes. Van Almsick, who collected her first two titles of the 1995 European Swimming Championships on Tuesday, blundered for the second time in a year in the heats of her top event, the 200 metres freestyle, and

failed to qualify for the final. Tears of sorrow turned to nears of joy in Rome last



man Kerstin Kielgass had set the top qualifying time and women's team chief Achim Jedamsky said there was no question of her yielding her "No way. It's not a subject

for discussion," he said, annoyed that Van Almsick



Winner of the women's 25km event Peggy Buechse of Germany (centre) holds up ber gold medal at the European Swimming Championships (AFP photo)

September when teammate Dagmar Hase sacrificed her place in the final and Van Almsick handed the rampant Chinese a rare defeat and clinched the title in world record rime.

Hase was rewarded with a free holiday and an extra-500,000 marks (\$320,000) went into the team's bonus pool as Germany celebrated a Inumph bizarrely conjured out of failure.

But there was no reprieve

could repeat her Rome error and wreck chance of an unprecedented seven golds at these championships.

"It's unacceptable. Her trainer specifically warned her not to take it too easily." Jedamsky fumed.

"In training it had been drilled into her that she should not underestimate the opposition.

What can a trainer do with athletes who don't swim to their full potential?

Van Almsick, who had made successful title defences in Tuesday's 100 freestyle and 4 × 200 freestyle relay, posted the fastesi 100-metre split time of 59.27 seconds but faltered to finish third behind Kirsten Vlieghuis of the Netherlands and Louise Joehncke of Sweden. Her time of two minutes 2.99 seconds was more than six seconds outside her Rome world record 1:56.78.

"I never thought about Rome when I was swimming," said Van Almsick, whose supremely marketable image has earned her a fortune in sponsorship and promotion since she came away from the 1992 Olympics at 14 with four medals.

She said she had deliberately eased off in Rome to avoid swimming the final in pole" position in lane four but this time it had been different.

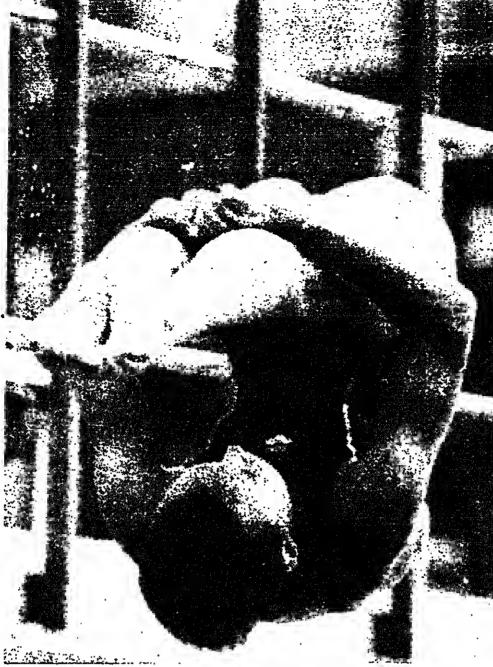
Here it was just an emo-tional matter because the pressure was so high." added Van Almsick, who had seaid on Monday she hoped history

would not repeat itself.
"I wasn't feeling in a good mood. I'm not the super-star everybody makes me out to be. It's not to carry the label "this girl will win seven 1i-

tles," she said.
"You can talk to people and friends about pressure beforehand but when I'm on the blocks I wonder: "What will happen if I don't win?" I'll be the loser of the na-

Coach Dieter Lindemann said Van Almsick was burdened by two kinds of pressure - internal pressure from knowing she should do well as she was in very good shape and had performed well in training, and externally from the media and the rest.

'Franzisca probably notices it more now because



Russia's Vera Ilyina on her way to taking the gold medal at the final of the women's 1-metre driving competition (AFP photo)

she's getting older," he said.
"It's quite normal and human to lose. Everyone can see she is not a machine." Her business manager

Werner Koester said promotional demands were not to blame. "There was sufficient

quiet time for preparation. She had three weeks training camp at high altitude in Spain and three weeks without any commercial dates apart from one promotion here last he said.

Earlier Peggy Buechse won

the women's 25-kilometres

long distance event. Buechse clocked 5 hours 32 minutes 36.4 seconds, ahead of Edith Van Dijk of the Netherlands at 5:36:05.5 and Czech Republic's Yvetta Hla-

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Smashnova of Israel in the

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women's tennis classic on

Tuesday, the final tune-up

Majoli. ranked 12th in the

even for the U.S. Open.

Agassi, Graf top Open seeds

NEW YORK (AFP) -World number one Andre Agassi and troubled women's co-number one Steffi Graf were named the top seeds for the U.S. Open Tennis Champronsities here Tuesday.

Agassi, top seeded here for the first time, becomes the first player since Australia's John Newcombe in 1967 to be seeded number one after eing unseeded the previous

Graf is seeded first here for the eighth time, matching the all-time record set by Chris Evert and Helen Wills Moody. But she has been iroubled in recent weeks by the arrest of her father on tax evasion charges as well as

Monica Seles, who won the Canadian Open title Sunday in her first tournament since being stabbed and missing 28 months, was made the second seed even though she shares the number one ranking under a special WTA ruling. Three-time reigning Wimbledon champion Pete

announced Tuesday.

Texaco Inc.

Texaco to donate

gasoline to Olympics

ATLANTA (AP) - Texaco will help fuel the 1996

Summer Olympics by donating gasoline and oil, organisers

As official perroleum provider of the Atlanta Games,

Texaco will provide fuel and lubricants for Olympic vehicles during next summer's events and during the 24,000

stations, said Glen F. Tilton, senior vice president of

Games did not disclose the financial terms of the spon-

sorship, although such sponsorships normally involve both

cash and non-cash contributions.

Non-cash deals do not put cash in ACOG's coffers, but

they reduce the need for organisers to spend money for

equipment and services that are necessary to stage the

for promotions. Related television ads will hit the airwayes

Joining Texaco in the sponsorship is Star Enterprises, a refining and marketing affiliate that supports 9,400 Texaco

The sponsorship allows Texaco to use the Olympic logo

games. ACOG's budget is \$1.58 billion.

"It's appropriate for Texaco, an energy company, to be associated with something generating as much energy and as much competition," as the 1996 Games, Tilton said.

Officials of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic

kilometre Olympic torch relay before the Games. The sponsorship will involve many of the I4,000 Texaco

Sampras, who began the year number one. was seeded second among men, followed by Austria's Thomas Muster. Germany's Boris Becker. American Michael Chang. Croatia's Goran Ivanisevic. Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Germany's Michael

Sweden's Thomas Enquist.
second only to Agassi in
hardcourt triumphs this year.
is seeded ninth, followed in order by South Africa's Wayne Ferreira. Spain's Sergi Bruguera. Dutchman Richard Krajicek, Switzer-land's Marc Rosset, Americans Jim Courier and Todd Martin and Ukraine's Andre Medvedev.

Spain's Arantxa Sanchez Vicario was seeded third among the women, followed by compatriot Conchita Martinez, Czech Jana Novotna, France's Mary Pierce, Japan's Kimito Date, Bulgaria's Magdalena Maleeva. Argentina's Gabriela Sabatini and American Lindsay

Juventus must face up to ex-captain Baggio

ROME (R) - For many Juventus fans, Roberto Baggio already did the unthinkable by signing for AC Milan. They now fear the unbearable may follow.

After helping the Turin giants prise the title from the grasp of their Milanese archrivals last season, the World Cup attacker stunned the faithful by changing sides.
The two clubs seized the

opportunity at the same time to announce a planned marketing joint venture but on the field the old rivalry is sure to remain as strong as

The unbearable would be for the 'divine pigtail' - who on Sunday dons Milan's red and black shirt for the first rime in a league match when Italy's Serie A season kicks off - to successfully help snatch back the "Scudetto" (shield).

Speaking like a born-again Milan fan, the former Juventus captain had to doubts his new club can do it.

"Having seen what (George) Weah can do, and considering our organisation on the field, I have no doubts: We are the best team in Italy. I feel at home," he

Wealthy Milan, European Cup Winners three times between 1989 and 1994 and runners-up in 1993 and 1995, were the big spenders of the close season in a determined effort to clamber back to the top after a rare year without bonours.

Liberian striker Weah, twice African player of the year, joined from Paris St. Germain and has looked an exciting prospect in friendly matches.

Milan can also count on Montenegrin Dejan

Roberto Baggio

al's Paulo Futre in their costly

"We must win, we must, absolutely. Milan has one key objective - to get back in the European Cup. And to do that we are ready to attack."

Italy's August Gazzetta Dello Sport newspaper, which celebrates its 100th

They are looking mostly towards the charisma of for-

Cup Winners' Cup and league title in 1990 and 1991.

way back into the Italy team for next year's European Championship finals.

Alessandro Del Piero, 20 and in his third season at

Juventus, is likely to take over the number 10 shirt he wore during Baggio's long injury-enforced absence last

league ritle.

Atlanta-Parma, Bari-Inter-Vicenza, Jnventns-Cremonese, Lazio-Piacenza. Padova-Milan, Sampdoria-

Roma, Udinese-Cagliari.

world, got off to a slow start before taking charge for a 4-6. 6-3, 6-4 victory in a match that featured 16 service breaks. Majoli said that the wind gave her more problems than her opponent.

Savicevie, French midfielder Marcel Desailly, Croatian Zvocomir Boban and Portug-

said Savicevic.

anniversary this season, declared Weah and Parma's Bulgarian Hristo Stoichkov the two most impressive foreigners. England's Paul Ince at Internazionale was third.

Juventus, who bave won the title a record 23 times. have decided to keep faith with last season's beroes and have been noticeably absent from the overseas market. Their only foreign signing is 19-year-old Argentine defen-der Juan Pablo Sorin.

mer Italian international striker Gianluca Vialli, reuniting him with two of the Sampdoria players with whom he won the European

The shaven-headed striker, cast aside by national coach Arrigo Sacchi, has plenty of motivation to try and crown his career by lifting the European Cup and muscling his

Stoichkov's move from mighty Barcelona to Parma brings the stormy striker to a small town club with a big bank balance and an even bigger yearning for a first

First day's fixtures (August Napoli, Fiorentina-Torino,

On one side, you hit the ball and it goes flying, while on the other side your ball goes short," said Majoli, who has reached the final in Barcelona, two semifinals and four quarter-finals this year. "I hope to do well so I'll be ready for the U.S. Open next

> will be seeded 13th at the Veteran Czech serve and volleyer Helena Sukova, seeded eighth, fell in the first round just a week after her big upset win over secondranked Arantxa Sanchez

week." added Majoli., who

Vicario in Toronto. The 14th-ranked Sukova was surprised by 51st-ranked Dutchwoman Kristie Boogert 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Seventh-seeded American Lisa Raymond, ranked 20th, found her range midway through the first set and went on to beat former top-10 player Andrea Temesvan of Hungary 7-5, 6-2.

The two-time U.S. college champion rallied from a 2-4 deficit in the first set and broke away from 2-2 tie in the second set.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Drechsler leaps to year's best

LINZ, Austria (R) — Heike Drechsler won the women's long jump with the world's best leap of the year at a Grand Prix athletics meeting on Tuesday. The German, bouncing back from her disappointing world championships in Gothenburg, jumped 7.07 metres setting a new stadium record in the process in front of 10,000 spectators. "It was great," Drechsler said. "It was even against the wind. It was very satisfying. Daniela Bartova of the Czech Republic continued her remarkable string of world records in the pole vault with a new best of 4.21 metres, one centimetre above her previous record four days earlier in Cologne.

Tarango fined and suspended

NEW YORK (AFP) — Jeff Tarango, who stormed off a Wimbledon court and accused an umpire of favouritism. was suspended for two Grand Slam events and fined an additional \$28,256 by the International Tennis Federation. But the American will compete here next week in the U.S. Open while his case is on appeal, officials said Tuesday. Tarango's suspension by the ITF Grand Slam committee includes next year's Wimbledon and the first Grand Slam event after bis appeal, should it be rejected. During a third-round match July 1 against Alexander Mrony, Tarango quit after arguing a call by French chair empire Brono Rebeob, whom he called "the most corrupt official in the game" for belping players he considered friends.

Collymore ankle not broken

LIVERPOOL (AFP) — Britain's most expensive footballer, Stan Collymore, who limped out of his second competitive match for Liverpool in controversial circumst ances at Leeds on Monday night, he confirmed that his ankle is painful, but not broken. The 8.5 million striker, signed from Nottingham Forest in the close season, bobbled off after just 20 minutes of the Premiership match. making way for Robbie Fowler. "There's no clear break but it's very swollen and quite painful," said the Anfield Striker. "It takes time to get rid of the bruising and the pain. "At this stage it's a similar injury to one I bad last season, at Nottingham Forest. I was fortunate to be back within 10 days of doing it."

South Korea beats Indonesia 1-0

SEOUL (AP) - South Korea advanced to the second round of the Asian soccer preliminaries for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics on Tuesday by snatching a 1-0 victory over Indonesia. Midfielder Cho Hyun-Doo, connecting on a free-kick pass from teammate Yoon Jong-Hwan, scored a goal in close range in the 41st minute. Indonesia, led by forward Dwi Yulianto Kurniawan, made several sharp breaks on the South Korean defence but did not translate them into goals. South Korea cleared the first preliminary round at the head of Group C with four victories. The other two Group C teams, Hong Kong and Indonesia, were eliminated. Twenty-five teams are competing for three slots allotted to Asia for the Olympic soccer finals.

Kanchelskis deal back on

EVERTON (AP) -- Everton officials said Tuesday they are confident that former Mancbester United winger Andrei Kanchelskis will be signed and registered in time to: play against Southampton this weekeod. A compromise was apparently reached after Manchester United agreed to reopen talks with Kanchelskis's former club, Shaktyor Donesk, which was claiming 30 per cent of the 5-million-pound (\$7.7 million) transfer fee. "It's a lot of weight off our shoulders and a time for rejoicing, a time for celebrating the final piece in Joe Royle's Jigsaw for this season," Everton director Cliff Finch said. "That's what we

Muster advances at Croatia Open

UMAG, Croatia (AP) — Top seeded Thomas Muster of Austria defeated Roberto Carretero of Spain 6-3, 3-0 Tuesday, in a first-round match of the \$375,000 Croatia Open tennis tournament. Carretero, 19, ranked 140th by the ATP, gave up the match in a 44th minute due to a the ATP, gave up the match in a 44th minute due to a pulled stomach muscle. Muster — so far the best seeded player to play at the Umag tournament — obviously dominated that heavy forehand battle. Only in one game he did not have a break point. He lost only six points in games he served. Muster already won Umag tournament in 1992 and 1993. Swedish Magnus Gustafsson defeated Goran Oresic of Croatia 6-2, 6-4. Third-seeded Andrea Gaudenzi of Italy also rolled over his opponent, defeating Gaudenzi of Italy also rolled over his opponent, defeating Jiri Novak of the Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-4. Second-seeded Alberto Berasatequi of Spain, winner of the last Umag tournament, defeated his countryman Carlos Moya, 18, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (7-3).

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Nikon, headquartered in Melville, New The photo was submitted to the 1995 MPA. York, could not be reached for comment,



Leeds United Rod Wallace and Gary Speed during their FA Premiership match (AFP put the Liverpool defence under pressure

Ferdinand scores twice for Newcastle

twice as Premier League ehampionship favourites Newcastle United won 3-1 at Bolton Wanderers on Tuesday. Ferdinand, who also

secred in Newcastle's 3-0 home win over Coventry on Saturday, put his new team ahead in the 17th minute. Freneh midfielder David Ginola tricked his way past Scott Green on the Newcastle left and Ferdinand seemed to

BOLTON (R) — England hang in the air as he reached striker Les Ferdinand scored for the cross, bulleting a for the cross, bulleting a header into the bottom cor-

ner of the net. The £6.0 million (\$9.2 million) striker, who moved from Queen's Park Rangers in the off-season, also scored six minutes from time after midfielder Robert Lee had headed Newcastie into a 2-1

lead in the 77th minute. Ferdinand raced through rhe Bolton back line leaving a trail of bodies in his wake before rifling his third goal.

lcelandic detender Gudni Bergsson headed an equaliser for promoted Bolton six minutes after the interval - his tirst goal in England since

The victory put Kevin Keegan's side at the top of the Premier League table with six points from two matches and a superior goal difference to second placed Leeds United, 1-0 winners at home to Liverpool on Mon-

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4,370 athletes competing in 'Student Olympics'

FUKUOKA, Japan (AP)
— A U.S. baskethall team is hattling for a fourth consecutive gold medal, China's swimmers seek to rebound from a doping seandal, and the host city is providing a 48-kilogramme [106-pnund] judo world champion.

The World University Games officially upened Wednesday with mote than 4,300 athletes from 163 narions and retritories competing for 144 gold medals in 12 sports in tthe higgest "Student Olympics" ever. But sixter started Tues-

day, with seven prreliminary round games at three stadiums in this city of 1.3 million people.

Host Japan edged South Africa 3-2, Russian blanked the United States 2-0 and Australia beat Britain 2-1. Four other games en-ded in draws: Canada and Slovakus 0-0, Uruguay and Ireland I-1, the Czech Republic and Iran 1-1, and Brazil and Ukraine 1-1. Nigeria did not arrive in time, and its game with South Korea was postponed.

in the last University Games, in Buffalo, New York, in 1993, the Amerieans led the medal stand-ings with 75, including 30 gold. Canada tollowed with 40, Japan had 30 and Chins and Germany 29 each, although the Chinese were

second in golds with 17.

The turnover is large. however, since the games are limited to college students and recent graduates, and professionals are han-

Thus in men's baskerball, the Americans are sending what used to be their Olympic team - the clite of the college players -before the "Dream Team" of pros took over.

Still, "we set the standard of excellence in the ·U.S.," said Rav Allen, a guard from Connecticur.

Japanese coach Toshimitsu Kawachi echoed that, saying he hoped his team would do well enough in early games to earn a meeting with the Amerieans. U.S. coach Lon Kruger

of Florida warned, however, "any time you go overseas, the concern would be that maybe they [Americans] don't fully appreciate or have an awareness of how good the foreign teams have become."

The Chinese swimmers were barred from last month's Pan-Pacific Swimming Championships after II within a year tested positive for banned drugs. Their team in Fukuoka is led by women's world butterfly champion Liu Limin

Also here are two gold, medalists from last year's Asian Games in Hiroshima, Japan. At those games, seven

Chinese tested positive for drugs, including Lu Bin, a three-time world champion, and Yang Aihua, the world 400-metre freestvie champion.

The host city's star is Ryuko Tamura, a 19-yearold, 146-centimetre (4 foot, 912-inch j-tall female judoist with a n4-maich winning streak and gold medals from the world championships and Asian Games.

Despite her formidable record. Tamera is known throughout Japan as "yawara-chan," or "softie." a play on words from judo - the "soft way" of fighting.

The athletes are fiving in a seaside complex, with its own private beach, in a section of lown that features rows of new buildings and shopping strips, a land-mark tower and the 2-yearold retractable roof Fukuoka Dome. The \$2,000-seat dome, home of Fukuoka's professional baseball ream, is the site of ceremonies for the opening Wednesday and closing on Sept. 3.

Seven newly built stadiums are among the 24 being used for competition in track and field, basketball, fencing, soccer, gymnastics, swimming, diving, water polo, tennis, colleyball, judo and baseball.

To help police protect the games, organisers decided to mobilise 30.1800 private guards after the March 20 nerve gas attack that killed 12 people and injured 5.500 others in the subways of Tokyo. 900 kilomerres (56) miles) to the northeast. A doomsday cult has been blamed for that attack, and its top leaders are in juil awaiting

In the games' 36-year history, the biggest previous turnout was 121 nations for the 1987 competition in Zagreb, Croatia.

Japan had set a target of 130 nations, and to encourage participation it offered free transportation, lodging and meals for two athletes and one official from each country. Some 70 nations accepted.

The budget is 10.7 billion yen [\$174 million], with funds coming from donations, the city of Fukuoka and Fukuoka Prefecture istate i.

More than 75,000 university students and thousands of other citizens have volunteered as helpers and interpreters.

University Games-briefs

Security at the world University Games ataletes' village is extremely strict as one journalist found when trying to get treat-ment for a painful injured baek.

The journalist was invired by the chief of delegation of his national team to undergo physiotherapy treatment - but it took 45 minutes of wrangling and form filling before he was allowed into the treatment

room in the village. The journey included filling in two forms, walking through three security checkpoints, including two metal detectors, being issued with a special pass and a coloured sticker to put on that pass.

The journalist made his appointment with seconds to spare.

World University Games found a place in the opening parade for some 1.300 local children. For each of the 165 delegations that had a flag in the parade, eight children skioped in front, holding the strings of

a big white balloon with the

delegation's name. The Fukuoka Dome's big television screen flashed a map of each country or territory as its delegation marched in, and announcers presented a few quick facts. For Hong Kong, they mentioned that the British crown colony was about to return to Chinese rule in

The parade lasted about 35 minutes longer than the 50 minutes allotted in the

ceremony schedule.

⇒ South Korea plans to bid to stage the World University Games in 2001 in Taejon or Kwangju.

The 1997 host is Sicily and the 1999 games have been awarded to Palma De Mallorca in Spain.

South Korea already is competing keenly against Japan for the right to serve as host to the 2002 World

Cup soccer finals. its city of Chonju and Muju resort are hosts for the 1997 Winter University Games, and its southern port of Pusan is to stage the 2002 Asian Games.

The capital, Seoul, was host to the 1986 Asian Games and the 1988 Summer Olympics.

Tyson to fight Mathis in November

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Mike Tyson will fight Buster Mathis Jr. on Nov. 4 in his final tuneup before fighting for part of the heavyweight title in March, his handlers said Tuesday.

Stung by criticism of Tyson's aborted first comeback fight Saturday night against Peter McNeeley. promoter Don King unveiled a schedule that has Tyson challenging for a world title in his third fight March 16.

"Mike Tyson wants everyone to know he feels the edge was taken from him as well as Peter McNeeley," King said. The level of opponent will be escalated for the second fight and Mike Tyson will fight for the title in his third

King said the opponent for Tyson's first title shot has not been determined, but the promoter in effect controls all three portions of the heavyweight title.

King defended Tyson's fight against McNeeley, but said he would drop pay-perview price for the Nov. 4 bout becase both he and Tyson feel bad about the way the fight ended with McNeeley's manager, Vinny Vecchione. throwing in the towel.

No one expected Peter. McNeeley to win a fight against Mike Tyson," King said at a news conference. "People came to see Mike Tyson. If was a happening, an event. It was not meant to be a championship fight."

King praised McNeeley for going right after Tyson, but assailed Vecchione for stepping into the ring and forcing the tight to be stopped 89 seconds into the first round with McNeeley still on his



Mike Tyson about his fighter he should have never put him in rhe ring," King said. "He took from Peter McNeeley a moment of glory that is priceless

and a moment of glory he can never recapture again." King said he would promore McNeeley again, but not with Vecchione working his

"Never will he ever get a chance to make a mistake like he did the other night,"

King said Tyson would fight Mathis on a card at the MGM Grand Hotel that could include heavyweight title fighrs involving WBA champion Bruce Seldon and WBC champion Oliver McCall, who defends his title next month against Frank

The card will also leature Julio Cesar Chavez in a bout against fellow Mexican champion, lightweight Miguel \$100 to \$1,500.

It will go up against the third fight between heavyweights Riddick Bowe and Evander Holyfield. which is scheduled just down the Las Vegas strip at Caesars Palace on the same

Mathis is 20-0, but is a light hirter with only six knockouts in his career. His biggest claim to fame came last year when his bout with Riddick Bowe was ruled a no contest after Bowe hit him after he was already down in the fourth round.

King claimed Saturday night's fight was the biggest grossing fight in history, bringing in more than \$85 million worldwide.

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Washington ousts Edberg

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for just the second time in eight career meetings. His only

Russia had no problems routing Frenchman Olivier Delaitre 6-1 6-3 in 54 minutes. He lost just 12 points in his eight service games, saving the lone break point he faced despite connecting

and owns a 55-20 record in 1995. That is the most matches anyone has played this year on the ATP tour.

pion, cruised past Czech Martin Damm 6-4 6-while Ukrainain. Andrei Medvedev rolled over American Richey Reneberg 6-2

Omega records space

Twenty years after the historic Stafford-Leonov handshake during the Apollo-Soyuz rendezvous, the link-up of the American space shuttle Atlantis to the Russian space station MIR took place Thursday, June 29th at 8:00 a.m. Houston time. The astronauts and the cosmonauts worked 5 days together some 250 miles (400 kilometres) above the

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other win came last year in the second round here. Top seed and defending champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov of

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Third-seeded Mate Rosset of Switzerland, the 1993 cham-

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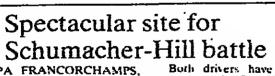
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SPA FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium (AFP) — World champion Michael Schumacher and challenger Damon Hill fight out the next round of their 1995 hattle on the spectacular Belgian Spa Francorchamps track next Sunday.

Victory in Hungary two

weeks ago put the British

Williams Renault driver only

11 points behind his German

Benetton Renault rival. With

seven races remaining in the

1995 season, a maximum of

70 points can still be won.

Both drivers have good reason to enjoy Spa. Hill has won the last two races, while Schumacher won his first Grand Prix here in 1992 and made a notable l'ormuta One debut in 1991 when he qual-

ified seventh. The track, largely on elosed public roads, is the

most dramatic and popular of all the Grand Prix circuits. "It's a long trip round Spa, hut I enjoy circuits which are big and expansive because you feel you are really using a Formula One car to its full potential," said Hill.

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Salary hikes in 1995 if budget estimates met - Sharif Zeid

By Sa'eda Kilani Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - The government Wednesday announced that it would raise the salaries of the civil servants as of the beginning of next year if a projected increase in reenues was achieved.

The prime minister, Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, commenting during a Lower House of Parliament's session on a report by House's Supply Committee on standards of living in the Kingdom, said that the government was studying ways to improve living stan-

"The government is working on providing a dignified life for its employees in terms of salaries, incentives, retirement and social security and will reconsider (its policies) in this domain in light of cost of living and the availability of funds," be said.

The government is studying the increase in the cost of living since the last raise in salaries and will work on improving their salaries in light of this study and the expected increase in the budget," the prime minister

In reply to questions and comments raised by parlia-mentarians during Wednesday's and last Sunday's sessions on what deputies described as the high cost of living and as low civil servants' salaries, Sbarif Zeid said that the government was keen on supplying all basic food commodities such as bread, rice, sugar and milk in sufficient quantities and at reasonable prices.

Measures will be taken by the government to support the agricultural sector primarily in the development of livestock sector and halting the imports of commodities that are available locally.

"The imports of frozen chicken and vegetable oil have stopped," he said.

The government will continue to purchase locallyproduced grains at good prices to encourage local production and will maintain supervision of prices and quali-

ty of food. The prime minister also announced that the govern-ment would expand the conmers corporations' services all over the country and would encourage the establishment of traditional markets (sougs) to "alleviate the burden on the citizen and cut the length of the chain between the consumer and the

producer. "The government pays special attention to the supply situation and the committee's report, together with the parliamentarians' comments, will betp improve the supply policy," the prime minister said in the five-hour.

On the floor on Wednesday, centrist, leftist and Islamist deputies voiced dissatisfaction of the supply situation in the Kingdom and increase the salaries of employees to go hand in band with the increase in the cost

of living.
Islamic Action Front (IAF) Depnty Hamzeh Mansonr warned of serious consequences if there was an increase in the price of bread.
"Tackling extensively the

issue of commodities, especially wheat is very worrying," Mr. Mansour said. "I warn against any manipula-tion of the price of bread. It is a red line that should not be

Mr. Mansonr said that there was a difference between the officially declared number of Jordanian families benefiting from food subsidies and the number of subsidy coupons that are distributed.

"If this difference indicates that those who are targetted are bolders of temporary two-year passports (West Bank Palestinians) then I call on you to provide support for this layer in our society," he

Centrist Deputy Hammad Abu Jamous complained that the increase in prices since 1986 had reached 90 per cent while the average income of the individual bas not risen by more than 20 per cent. He said that food subsidy conpons should be distributed only to poor people.

According to leftist Deputy Tonjan Faisal, the price of basic commodities needed by an average family of six in Jordan warrant that the minimum wage for the Jordanian family should not be less than JD 400.

"We need real information and real statistics," she said. "The minimum wage for an average Jordanian family should be at least equivalent to a deputy's salary.

In reply to the deputies' comments, Minister of Supply Adel Qudah said that the Department of Statistics did not intentionally hide any numbers in relation to the census conducted in December 1994 that showed Jordan had a population of 3,806,000.

He said that the statistics did not include at the time. Jordanians who were out of · the country when the census

was carried out. The statistics include all those who were in the Kingdom at the time in addition to bolders of temporary pass-ports (17,000)," he said. The ministry will take all the appropriate measures to ensure that food subsidy is provided for all those who deserve it.

The House finally endorsed the recommendations listed by the Supply Committee, which call for providing support for Jordanian families with an average income of less than JD 6,000, reconsidering market prices of sugar, rice and milk, and reviewing government mea-sures to limit excessive profits of traders.



'ILLEGALS IN OWN LAND': Palestinian workers canght without Israeli-issned work permits sit on the pavement under the watchful eye of an Israeli soldier in East Jernsalem on Wednesday. Sneh 'illegal' workers are normally fined and sent back to the occupied West Bank

Scholars say misguided concepts behind emphasis on 'Islamic fundamentalism'

By Sa'eda Kilani Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Revealing the two aspects of inter-faith relations throughout bistory, scholars and intellectuals attending a conference here on Wednesday drew up an in-depth analysis of belligerences and misguided concepts of religions and called for better understanding of the past leading to better relations in the future. The discussions at the four-

day conference, which focused mostly on Islam's image in the West and Muslim-Christian relations throughout history, were described by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, who hosted the prominent scholars for dinner on Tuesday, as essential and indispensable prerequisites for the future happiness and good of the

"This is a pioneer meeting that grouped representatives of the three faiths jointly

counter Palestinian claims to

Jerusalem, Israeli ministers

said Wednesday they would

investigate legal means of

sbutting down the Orient

House, the Palestine Libera-

tion Organisation's (PLO)

unofficial Jerusalem head-

The justice and police

ministers and Ebud Olmert,

Jerusalem's right-wing

mayor, reviewed the situa-

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Instice Minister David

Libai called on the Orient'

House to stop all government

activities - such as the re-

ception of foreign dignitaries

and heads of state - saying

they are a violation of the

interim Israel-PLO agree-

Michael Ben-Yair.

(Agencies) - Determined to Israeli law.

looking forward to celebrating the millenium by attending a conference to discuss the issue of historical perceptions," said the Crown

"Understanding is the wealth of wealth," the Crown Prince added. "It is hoped that this wealth, the human resources of this country, is wealth effectively and comprehensively the understandng that we wish to promote."

Quoting cynic Bernard Sbaw, Prince Hassan said: "The reasonable man adapts himself to the world. The unreasonable man insists on trying to adapt the world to bimself and therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man."

Jobn Esposito, renowned writer and professor of religion and international affairs at Georgetown University, pointed ont in a working paper on contemporary images of Islam and the West that there were numerous misguided concepts about Islam.

Faisal Husseini, a senior

PLO official based in Jeru-

salem, criticised the Israeli

"All these attempts will

The Orient House's quasi-

governmental role has been a

point of contention between

Israel and the Palestinians.

Israel considers it an attempt

by the Palestinians to rein-

force their claim to East Jeru-

salem as capital of a future

Police Minister Mosbe

Shahal, who has led a "Jew-

ish Jerusalem" crusade, was

joined by Justice Minister

David Libai in warning that

Palestinian state.

only lead to the destruction of the peace talks," he told

the Associated Press.

He said that Islam's relationship with the West had been marked by mutual ignorance, stereotyping, contempt and conflict more than

by understanding. He said Muslim-Christian relations throughout bistory "bave been overshadowed by conflict as the armies and missionaries of Islam and Christendom were locked in a struggle for power and for souls.

Bnt Mr. Esposito, an anthor of several books on Islam, emphasised at the conference attended by Muslim, Christian and Jewish scholars from different parts of the world that positive interaction between the two religions took place in the past, with Christians influenced by the Islamic civilisation. He said a similar interaction was taking place at present, pointing out that clashes and

confrontation were normal.
While major historic clashes and violent confrontations have occurred,

Palestinian National Author-

activities are banned by

Israeli law because they call

into question Israel's

sovereignty over Jerusalem,"

said Mr. Shahal's spokesman

The two ministers issued

the warning after meeting

Mr. Olmert, Mr. Ben Yair

and security service chiefs.

few days to draw up propos-

als to put to the government,

However, Mr. Ben Yair

was unsure if closure could be

achieved legally, Israel radio

They would meet again in a

Rafi Levy.

Mr. Levy said.

"(Palestinian) political

ity (PNA) will be shut.

total picture," he said. "In fact, positive interaction and influence have also taken "The Islamic civilisaplace." tion was indebted to the West for many of the sources that enabled it to borrow and translate and then to develop a bigh civilisation that made its own remarkable contributions in philosophy, the sciences and technology while the West went into eclipse in the

they do not represent the

dark ages. "Similarly, the West in turn reclaimed a renovated philosophical and scientific beritage from the Islamic civilisation, retranslating and reappropriating that knowledge which then became the foundation for its renaissance."

"In the modern period, Muslims have freely appropriated the accomplishments of modern science and technology. In many ways, they face a period of reex-

(Continued on page 7)

Shohal, Libai push to close Orient House

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM ment on September 1993 and offices carrying out political to close down Palestinian activity for the PLO or the organisations in East Jerusalem next week provided he can do it within the law. On Wednesday and Thursday, Israeli police raided numerous Palestinian offices

> PNA and the financing of their activities. Mr. Husseini affirmed the right of the PNA to fund the

to check their links to the

institutions in the eastern part of the city. In letters exchanged on Oct. 11, 1993, Israel committed itself to encourage rather

than hinder the Palestinian institutions in the city. In return the PLO prom-

ised that the PNA would operate from the self-rule areas of the Gaza Strip and

Stockholm clears suspect in blast, but holds him

STOCKHOLM (Agencies)

— An Algerian held here for last month's Paris train bombing has been cleared of suspicion of murder by Sweden's chief prosecutor but will remain in custody for the time being, police said

Wednesday. Prosecutor Jan Danielsson concluded that the suspect. Abdul Karim Deneche, was in Sweden at the time of the Paris commuter train blast on July 25, police said in a state-

France meanwhile issued an international arrest warrant against Deneche. Examining Magistrate Laurence le Vert issued the warrant.

A statement from the French state prosecutor's office said only that the warrant was being issued "in the framework of the judicial inquiry" into the bombing.

Deneche, 39, is suspected of being a European leader of the Armed Islamic Group, the most radical extremist group fighting Algeria's military-backed government. He was detained at his suburban Stockholm home after witnesses to the Paris bombing reportedly identified him at the scene.

The Armed Islamic Group bas threatened France in the past for allegedly supporting the military-backed government in Algiers and claimed responsibility for the Dec. 24 hijacking of an Air France jetliner in which three passengers were killed. Free anti-terrorist officials

and Swedish security police involved in the interrogations collected evidence that still might be used against Deneche, prosecutor Danielsson

Since settling in Sweden in 1992, the man has raised money for Algeria's armed Muslim resistance. In an interview earlier this year with Swedish television, he praised the Armed Islamic Group -- but said he was not a member.

Under Swedish law, police had until late Wednesday to arrest the man or release him for insufficient evidence.

The security police intend to ask Swedish government approval to expel the man, according to the national news agency TT. It was unclear where he would be sent.

The justice ministry will decide whether to expel him after secret police complete an investigation which should take three or four weeks, Police Commissioner Johan

Grenfors said. Until then, Deneche will remain in custody in Sweden. "We fear that be will disappear, or that he will turn to criminal or violent acts," the commissioner said, defending the decision to hold him in custody.

The prosecutor's concinsion apparently deals a blow to French investigators because news reports in France bave placed Deneche on the train just prior to its being blown up.

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Thousands pour into Seoul for mass. wedding ceremony

SEOUL (AFP) - Thou-

sands of men and women of all ages have started pouring

into Seoul for a massive

Unification Church ceremo-

ny that will wed 360,090 people worldwide in one day, 36,000 of them in an Olympic stadium here. Jamming every international flight into the South Korean capital, the unification churchers or "Moomes," as, they are better known, have also taken every available hotel room in the city and spilled over into private homes. They are coming from Europe and the former Soviet Union, from Africa Taiwan, Manila and the South Pacific for the ceremonies Thursday and Friday that will marry them a wayward Typhoon Alice permitting. The ceremonies will be telecast live to 160 countries so that 327,000 other couples can be married at the same time with the same rituals, a drinking of holy nectar (wine or nonalchoholic), and a blessing (the first closed to the press, the second open to the press). A sample of the figures for the simultaneous ceremonies worldwide reads: 198,000 couples in Africa, 29,000 couples in Russia, 21,000 couples in Japan, 20,000 couples in the

in North America. Sex to improve in Hong Kong after ... 1997 — expert

Middle East, 11,000 in Latin

America, 10.000 in Taiwan.

9,000 in Europe, and 8,000

HONG KONG (AFP) -Sex is going to get better in Hong Kong after 1997, when the British colony is returned to China, a local sexologist was quoted Wednesday as saying. "After 1997 there will be a big change in social anitudes. As far as sex is concerned, it will be for the better," Ng Man-Lum, known as the territory's "Dr. Sex." was enoted as saying in the South China Morning Post newspaper. Speaking about Hong Kong's hosting of a 1999 World Sexology Congress, Ng said China already has compulsory sex education in its schools and regards its sexologists with respect. Hong Kong, on the other hand, still has probthe question of sex, he said, citing as one example the: recent hanning - later revoked by court order - of a bronze statue of a nude. man. The most recent world congress, which took place in Japan, included a collection of sex relics from

'Ghost' phone number haunts Thai

China.

BANGKOK (AFP) - Prasit Pornprommak was happy two years ago when the phone company gave him the unusual number 333-333, but he was not to know that the memorable digits would trouble him day and night. For superstitious, Thais, 333-333 was a phone night. For supering the supering a "ghost house," once the family that was which now was inhabited only by phantoms. No one? knows how the ramour started, but much of Bangkok seems to have heard about - and tried the phone number, hoping for spiritual help on numbers to play in the state lottery. To get a lottery tip, the rumour went, call the "ghost" number from a publie phone after 2:00 a.m. If a man answers, hang np otherwise your life will be cursed. But if a woman or a child picks up the phone, ask your question. Mr. Prasit, who runs a motorcycle repair shop in suburban Nakhom Patham, was bedevilled by the callers, the Nation daily said Wednesday. "Callers asked weird questions like, Are you alive? or 'Whom am I talking to - a human or aghost?" Mr. Prasit told the

Chirac vows firmness on nuclear wrangle

ident Jacques Chirac, returning from summer leave, said on Wednesday he was determined to go ahead with nuclear tests despite worldwide protests.

Mr. Chirac, his popularity slipping, chaired his first cabinet meeting after a two-week Riviera holiday marred by outcry over his plans to resume nuclear weapons tests in the South Pacific and Paris bomb attacks blamed on suspected Algerian extremists. Government spokesman Francois Baroin told reporters Mr. Chirac was determined to go ahead with the tests in the South Pacific, scheduled from September to next May, and would

protest. "France's position is clear. It has not and will not change," he said.

fight any attempt to

boycott French goods in

"French authorities safeguard the nation's supreme interests and with this in mind consider that eight extra nuclear tests are needed to maintain our nuclear) deterrent," he

Pacific countries are leading worldwide protests against Paris' decision to. break a three-year embargo on nuclear texts. A plotilla of protesters is on its way to the Mururoa test

Mr. Baron said France, which recalled its envoy to Canberra this month to protest against a decision to ban French defence firm Dassault aviation from bidding for to supply jets to the Australian air force, would firmly oppose any state boycott.

"There is international law, there is a World Trade Organisation and we'll speak there firmly and loudly to defend our interests, regarding defence or trade," he said.

Paris has cautioned Australia and New Zealand to keep their condemnation of French testing to the leve! of verbal criticism of China

for its recent tests. Mr. Baroin said Chirac told the cabinet of his appreciation for the work of rescue services and in-

attacks in a month that killed seven people and wounded nearly 100.

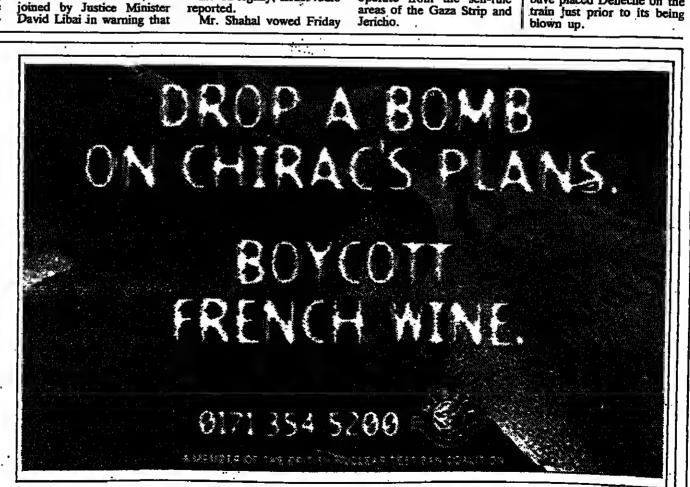
The attacks, and fears they were just a start, were a chilling reminder for Mr. Chirac of his 1980s stint as prim minister. The president, who completes 100 days in power on Thursday, had to deal with a wave of bloody bombings in 1986 just after he as appointed prime minister.

With the government's popularity declining over continuing acute unemployment, the cabinet meeting focused on the

economy.
Prime Minister Alain Juppe, who is to present a draft budget next month to cut state deficit and unemployment, told reporters he had asked cabinet ministers to submit ambitious plans.

"The virtuous circle of deficit cuts and interest rates cuts has been set in motion," he said, adding employment would be his 'only Objective."

But an opinion poll published on Tuesday said vo-



A video image from an advertisement shown across Britain for the first time on Wednesday, urging consumers to boycott French wine and others goods to protest at France's decision to resume auclear testing in the Pacific. The ad was

ters were increasingly wondering whether the government could carry out campaign pledges to create

The poll saw 55 per cent of voters were confident that Mr. Chirac could solve

organised by the British Nuclear Test Ban Coalition. The ad. thows "President Jacques Chirac" drinking a glass of wine, a suiper aiming at his head, heart and groin before shooting the bottle of wine (Reuter photo)

the nation's problems. down from 56 per cent in June and 61 per cent in May. Mr. Juppe's confidence rate slipped similarly to 54 per cent from 55 per cent in June and 59 per cent itı May.